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A Syrian Kurd gestures in Mursitpinar, Turkey, on the Syrian border, following an airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition as fighting continued between Syrian Kurds and the Islamic State on Monday.

Lefteris Pitarakis/AP

Sexual assault prevention effort tailored to junior Marines

By MATTHEW M. BURKE

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The lights dim and the training class settles in for a video that shows young men and women playing drinking games while music thumps in the background.

A woman is pressured into doing a keg stand. A man acts violently toward her when she spurns his advances. Their friends do nothing.

Later, the man corners the woman in an upstairs bedroom and rapes her. He adds

‘Before this, they had sort of a one-hour brief that was pretty much geared toward all members of the command, all ranks. So this one is specifically geared towards their ranks and their age group.’

Sunny Street

“Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault” instructor

to her shame by posting drunken photos on social media sites.

The lights flick back on. The class sits

silently.

The chilling video would be well-suited to be shown on just about any college cam-

pus in America. Marine Corps officials are banking that it is equally suited for junior Marines to help curb sexual assaults in the ranks.

“Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault” is a new Defense Department initiative being rolled out at Marine Corps installations around the world. The program is designed to give the Corps’ uniformed victim advocates the tools to get through to junior Marines about acceptable behavior and intervention techniques as bystanders.

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"At night, we go out on missions to hunt them down. During the day, they put pressure on us."

— Dalil Boras, a Kurdish defender of Kobani, describing the fight against the Islamic State group

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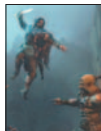
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N. Korea pressures US on war remains

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Monday that the remains of American soldiers killed during the Korean War were being neglected and "carried away en masse," in an apparent effort to pressure Washington to resume recovery efforts that could also lead to much-needed money for the impoverished country.

The United States suspended efforts to recover the remains of thousands of U.S. soldiers who died during the Korean War because of the North's plans to launch a long-range rocket in 2012.

The U.S. at the time was just starting the process of resuming excavation work that had been suspended in 2005 when Washington said security arrangements for its personnel working in the North were insufficient. North Korea would have received millions of dollars in compensation for its support of the work.

About 8,000 U.S. servicemen are listed as missing from the 1950-53 war, and some 5,300 of the missing are believed to be in North Korea.

On Monday, an unidentified North Korean military spokesman said in a state media dispatch

"The Obama administration should not forget even a moment the proverb saying that even a skeleton cries out of yearning for the homeland."

Unidentified North Korean spokesman
state media dispatch

that the remains of American soldiers are "left here and there uncarried and carried away en masse" because of building projects, land reorganization and flood damage.

The U.S. war remains "now look like no better than stones as land rezone and other gigantic nature-remaking projects made progress" in North Korea, the spokesman said. "The Obama administration should not forget even a moment the proverb saying that even a skeleton cries out of yearning for the homeland."

Analyst Chang Yong Seok, of Seoul National University, said



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Pfc. Philip W. Ackley's Korean War dog tag was handed over to the U.S. by North Korea at the Panmunjom truce village on the Korean border in January 2010. The tag was found in North Korea's Unsan battlefield area where Ackley is believed to have been lost.

the North's statement appears aimed at applying pressure to U.S. politicians and officials ahead of November elections to resume the recovery project, which could give the North a way to get foreign currency and improved ties with Washington.

The U.S. and North Korea, which don't have formal diplomatic relations, are still technically at war because the Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. The U.S. stations about 28,000 troops in South Korea to help deter North Korean aggression.

North Korea has been seeking better ties with the outside world in what foreign analysts say is an

attempt to lure aid and investment to help revive its moribund economy. South Korean and U.S. officials have said the North must first take steps toward nuclear disarmament before talks can resume.

There were signs of easing tension earlier this month when a group of high-powered North Korean officials visited South Korea and agreed to revive senior-level talks between the rivals. But the North last week opened fire with machine guns after activists in the South launched balloons carrying anti-Pyongyang leaflets across the heavily armed border. South Korea returned fire. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

Pastor: 2 airmen killed in Japan trying to rescue another

By WAYNE CRENSHAW
The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph

WARNER ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — A few days before Staff Sgt. Joshua Schoenoff deployed to Japan, he helped a fellow airman in need.

Speaking at a memorial service for Schoenoff on Saturday at Shirley Hills Baptist Church in Warner Robins, Ga., Staff Sgt. Shawn Phillips said he was recovering from back surgery when his dryer broke. Schoenoff drove to Macon to get the part, then came back and fixed it.

Two days later, Phillips mentioned to Schoenoff that the dryer was squeaking, but told him not to

worry about it and to spend time with his family before he deploys.

"Just an hour later, there he was knocking on my door," said Phillips, his voice quavering. "Josh was always willing to put others before himself."

That's also what he did on the morning of Oct. 5 in Okinawa, Japan, according to Schoenoff's pastor, Andy Cook. Schoenoff and five other airmen on temporary duty from Robins Air Force Base went to the coastline on a day off where large waves were coming in from a typhoon hundreds of miles offshore.

Cook, who said his information came from a commander at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, gave

some details that the Air Force hasn't publicly released.

He said two other airmen who had walked ahead of the group were struck by a wave that swept them away. One of the airmen made it out of the water, but the other disappeared. Schoenoff and another airman, Senior Master Sgt. James Swartz, ran ahead to try to find the missing airman, and they were swept away, Cook said.

Swartz's family has also said they were told he died trying to save someone else from the waves. The bodies of Schoenoff, 27, Swartz, 51, and Master Sgt. Daniel Paschal, 34, were all recovered over a two-day period following

the incident.

"Joshua Schoenoff laid down his life for his friends," Cook told about 200 people gathered for the service. "There was no hesitation. There is nothing more Christ-like we could do than to risk our lives to save another."

All of those in the group that day were part of the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or J-STARS, at Robins, which is operated by the 461st Air Control Wing and the 16th Air Control Wing.

Funeral services for the three airmen have not been announced. The bodies were flown to South Korea for autopsy before being returned to the U.S. and turned over to the families.

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Report: Warming could affect military operations

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Future military operations might take place in the choking dust of expanding deserts, amid conflicts intensified by a rising sea, or in now-inaccessible Arctic waters, according to a new plan designed to help the Department of Defense navigate the perils of climate change.

The DOD's White House-ordered "2014 Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap," which Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel was to introduce Monday at a conference of Western Hemisphere defense ministers in Peru, lays out a process for the military to identify and deal with new, climate-based risks to national security.

Beyond the DOD, discussions about climate change have taken

on global urgency as low-lying nations from Western Europe to the Indian Ocean contemplate the loss of land to rising seas while coastal cities worldwide face the prospect of increasing flooding. Elsewhere, fears of conflict over water resources, potential food shortages and the potential spread of tropical disease ranges are breeding worries.

All of it carries national security implications.

"Climate change will affect the Department of Defense's ability to defend the Nation, and poses immediate risks to U.S. national security," the plan says.

Not everyone agrees. The topic in recent years has raised the hackles of conservatives in Congress, some of whom regard global warming as a scientific hoax and object to the price tag of DOD efforts to develop new, nonpetroleum-based fuels. A byproduct of

overall energy efficiency efforts, DOD officials say, will be a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

In May 2012, Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., criticized then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's support of a Navy biofuels program, saying Panetta "doesn't need to waste his time trying to perpetrate President [Barack] Obama's global warming fantasies or his ongoing war on affordable energy."

The new plan doesn't touch on ways to reduce DOD's own emissions footprint. It instead dwells on factors like rising sea levels, changing precipitation patterns and increased frequency of extreme weather, which climate scientists say are likely as global temperatures rise, and how they'll affect national security.

Drawing on the work of climate scientists and oceanographers, various scientific bodies have es-

Potential effects of climate change on DOD

- More frequent disaster relief demands.
- Uptick of military activity in the Arctic.
- Rising international instability.
- Increased number of "black flag" suspended outdoor training days.
- Increased threats to endangered species on DOD installations.

- Increased erosion and flooding.
- Greater heating and cooling requirements in buildings.
- Additional maintenance for runways and roads during hot weather.
- Greater need for maintenance or repair of weapons and equipment.
- Interrupted shipments of materials and supplies.

timated global sea levels would rise between several inches and several feet during the 21st century. A U.N. climate panel said the increase could be even faster if warming causes the collapse of ice shelves in Antarctica and Greenland. Global temperatures have increased 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit since 1900, with the increase accelerating in recent decades, the U.N. panel said.

Major sea level rises would affect the operation of coastal installations and would increase the chances of flooding elsewhere that the DOD operates.

Some of the potential new risks are international, including an increased number of disasters and

a greater need for relief operations. Climate change could also exacerbate instability overseas, the plan says.

"Climate change does not directly cause conflict, but it can significantly add to the challenges of global instability, hunger, poverty and conflict," Hagel said last fall at an international security forum in Halifax, Nova Scotia. "Food and water shortages, pandemic disease, disputes over refugees and resources, more severe natural disasters — all place additional burdens on economies, societies, and institutions around the world."

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Taliban mountain ambush kills 14 Afghan troops

By RAHIM FAIZ
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A mountain ambush by Taliban fighters killed at least 14 Afghan security force troops, authorities said Monday, as villagers elsewhere in the country alleged a NATO airstrike that the coalition said targeted militants actually killed civilians.

The fighting in Sari Pul province, as well as the disputed NATO airstrike in eastern Paktia province, show the serious challenges facing new Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. Former President Hamid Karzai repeatedly clashed with NATO forces over civilian casualties from airstrikes, straining relations as public anger against the coalition grew.

The ambush in Sari Pul, where Taliban fighters reportedly have been massing for days, happened Sunday in its Kohistan district. There, militants opened fire on an Afghan Army unit heading back to the capital after several months being deployed there, killing 12 soldiers and two police officers, said Kazim Kenhan, a spokesman for the provincial police chief.

Kenhan said 13 troops and four police officers were wounded and six troops are missing after the ambush there, some 210 miles northwest of the capital, Kabul. "A very intensive gun battle is going on right now and the casualty number might change overnight," Kenhan said Monday. "It is a mountainous area and very difficult



MASSOUD HOSSAIN/AP

U.S. soldiers search the site of a suicide attack Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan. An Afghan official said a suicide bomber targeting a NATO convoy in Kabul killed one civilian and wounded three others.

to reach. We do need air support as we requested from the international forces, but they didn't help us."

In Paktia province, hundreds of villagers protested over their allegation that a NATO airstrike killed seven civilians in an operation NATO said killed "eight armed enemy combatants."

The protesters brought seven corpses to the governor's office there, claiming they were civilians killed Sunday during

a NATO airstrike in a mountainous area on the outskirts of the city of Gardez. The villagers said the strike targeted eight people collecting firewood and left one man wounded.

"From the evidence, it seems that all seven who have been killed in the strike of the coalition forces are civilians, but this needs to be investigated more to find out why and how this incident has happened," said Abdul Wali Sahee, deputy provincial

governor of Paktia province.

Sahee said that there was a dead body of a 12-year-old boy among those brought to the provincial capital.

Protesting villagers shouted slogans against the foreign forces that have been in the country since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion. They demanded the Afghan government prevent such attacks in their area.

In a statement, NATO said a "precision strike resulted in the death of eight armed enemy combatants."

"No civilian casualties or damage to structures occurred during this operation," NATO said.

Ghani's office had no immediate comment on the airstrike.

Taliban insurgents have stepped up attacks against Afghan security forces in a bid to undermine the Western-backed government as most foreign combat troops prepare to withdraw from Afghanistan by the end of the year. The Afghan government has signed a security deal with the United States and a separate agreement with NATO allowing more than 10,000 foreign troops to train and advise Afghan forces after the international combat mission ends at the end of the year.

Separately on Monday, a suicide bomber targeted a NATO convoy in Kabul while another struck an Afghan army patrol in the eastern Nangarhar province, killing three civilians in the separate assaults, authorities said.

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Marine detained after Filipino found dead

Incident involving transgender victim comes as the 2 nations seek to ink defense agreement

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

A Marine has been detained following the suspected murder of a transgender Filipino at Subic Bay.

Media outlets in the Philippines, quoting a police report, said Monday that the victim, Jeffrey Laude, 26, also known as Jennifer, was found dead on a floor inside the Celzone Lodge in Olongapo City.

A witness said he saw Laude enter the hotel with a short-haired male foreigner, aged 25-30, around 10:55 p.m. on Saturday, the reports said.

Jeffrey Laude's naked body, partially covered with a blanket, was found in a bathroom at the hotel.

The incident comes at a sensitive time for U.S.-Philippine relations.

The close allies are getting ready to implement an Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement — signed by President Barack Obama during a state visit in

April — that will see large numbers of U.S. troops rotate through bases in the Philippines over the next decade.

Patricio Abinales, a University of Hawaii expert on the Philippines, said in an email Monday that Filipinos are likely to be angry about the alleged involvement of a Marine in Laude's death, but that the incident won't cause widespread opposition to a greater U.S. troop presence.

U.S. bases in the Philippines were closed in 1992, and some American counterterrorism trainers arrived in 2002. The deal for the return of significant numbers of American troops has generally been welcomed in the Southeast Asian archipelago, but a vocal group of students and leftists have protested, and the latest incident will give them fuel.

Marine Corps Times, citing an internal Navy memo, reported the suspect was being held aboard the amphibious assault ship Peleliu while the Naval Criminal Investi-

gative Service investigates.

Marine Capt. Cassandra Gesecki, a spokeswoman for U.S. troops exercising in the Philippines this month, said Monday that she was waiting for approval to issue a statement.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila had no immediate comment.

Philippine media reported that a statement was provided to them in which the embassy vowed to investigate the possible involvement of an American.

"We are aware of the situation and express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased. We are also aware that there are allegations that a foreigner, including possibly a U.S. national, was involved in the incident," said the statement, aired by GMA News.

"We are currently looking into these allegations and working closely with the Philippine National Police to take all necessary steps to help identify the suspects," the embassy added.

The new military pact with the U.S. is seen as key to deterring China, which, in recent years, has aggressively pursued claims to offshore natural resources that are also claimed by the Philippines.

"The ordinary Filipino is more concerned with and bothered by what China has been doing in the West China Sea and would actually demand that the U.S. be more involved in the Philippines' effort to slow down, if not stop, the Chinese advances," Abinales said.

Filipinos understand there is a sense of urgency in crafting a deterrent against China based on annual exercises with the U.S., he said.

One thing that could be a source of tension in the Laude case is custody of the suspect.

The last major criminal investigation of a U.S. servicemember at Subic Bay involved Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith, who was sentenced to 40 years by a Philippine judge for rape in 2005. Many

Filipinos were angry when Smith was detained at the embassy rather than at a local prison and then returned to the U.S. following a settlement with the victim's family.

A Visiting Forces Agreement seems to suggest that the suspect in the Laude case could stay in the brig rather than be handed over to local authorities, Abinales said, adding, "The Philippine and American governments will have their prestige intact, or even much better received by Filipinos, if the suspect is turned over to the Philippine courts."

Whatever happens will be a landmark case, Abinales said.

"How politicians, especially in the [Philippine] Senate, pundits, opinion makers, etc., will respond to this I think will depend on the outcome of the investigation," he said. "So there are a lot of loopholes and controversial points that this case has raised."

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Prevention: Program encourages junior Marines to report sexual misconduct

FROM FRONT PAGE

The program supplements the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response pre-deployment training and is now required for lance corporals and lower-ranking enlisted Marines, according to a Marine Corps statement. It provides a multitude of activities and multimedia tools that focus on situations that a young Marine is likely to encounter — such as the gym locker room or alcohol-fueled parties.

"Before this, they had sort of a one-hour brief that was pretty much geared toward all members of the command, all ranks," said civilian instructor Sunny Street. "So this one is specifically geared towards their ranks and their age group."

Step Up was implemented July 28 with the aim of tackling the Corps' most glaring statistic: Approximately 90 percent of the sexual assault victims in the Marine Corps are ranked corporal and below, according to the 2013 Marine Corps Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Campaign Plan.

The training was rolled out recently to the Corps' uniformed victim advocates on Camp Foster as the final part of their 40-hour training course, which also includes guest speakers and role-playing from actual assault cases, Street said. The advocates will then provide it to small groups of no more than 30 junior Marines. Most of the advocates are staff noncommissioned officers.

"They're that level of leadership that the junior Marines and [noncommissioned officers] look up to," Street said.



MATTHEW M. BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Marine uniform victim advocates at Okinawa's Camp Foster review their materials during a recent Step Up sexual assault training session. The training is designed to teach the advocates how to reach junior Marines, who are the most at-risk group in the Corps.

"We want them to model the appropriate attitude for this, because we have young people that come into the Marine Corps as well as other branches of service

and they have been pretty much saturated with the entertainment industry the first 18 years before they came, and that entertainment industry objectifies women

and infantilizes men. It portrays and projects consent in a way that is completely inconsistent with the law, and so they're having to re-educate based on what the law says and project a value system that's consistent with the law."

One scenario is set in a bowling alley where a male lance corporal starts to grope a female lance corporal while showing her proper form.

"LCpl Hart keeps shrugging him off," the training materials say. "At one point, Hart gets up abruptly and says she needs to go outside and get some air. Mo-

ments later, Barnes follows ... What do you (as a bystander) do or say?"

A gym locker room scenario focuses on a Marine putting his genitals on another Marine as a prank.

"What do you say and do?" the class is asked, as if they were bystanders. "Could you have done something sooner?"

While it is too early to assess the program's effectiveness, advocates said they expect it to be a success.

"It's targeting the behavior of the junior Marines, so I think it was well-scripted, well-directed, and the presentation was awesome because the young Marines can relate to those videos and scenarios that were in there," said advocate Master Sgt. Jeffery Hightower.

Street said expectations for Step Up are similar to those for the "Take a Stand" training for noncommissioned officers. Once that training was implemented, reporting of sexual assaults increased, which military officials say is an indication that people who might have kept quiet are now willing to come forward.

In the civilian sector, there is a direct correlation between increased reporting and the lowering of assaults because offenders know they will be caught.

"I think bystander intervention is a concept in and of itself that I wished all of us appreciated and took to heart — and not just with this topic but with everything," Street said. "This is a community issue and it's about members taking care of each other."

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Master Sgt. Jeffery Hightower
Marine Corps uniformed victim advocate

WAR ON TERRORISM

Turkey: No new deal with US on use of air base

BY SUZAN FRASER
AND RYAN LUCAS
The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's foreign minister insisted Monday there was no new agreement with the United States on using Turkish bases for operations against the Islamic State militants.

In comments carried by the state-run Anadolu Agency, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said, however, that the two countries had agreed to train and equip opposition forces.

"There is no decision at the moment concerning Incirlik or any other issue," Anadolu quoted Cavusoglu as saying in reference to a key air base in southern Turkey.

Earlier, a government official said Turkey and the United States were still talking about the Incirlik air base as well as Turkish demands for the creation of a no-fly zone and a safe haven for refugees. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the issue publicly.

On Sunday, U.S. defense officials said Turkey would let U.S. and coalition forces use its bases for operations against Islamic State militants.

Islamic State extremists have carved out a vast stretch of territory from northern Syria to the outskirts of Baghdad and imposed a harsh version of Islamic rule. The fighters have massacred hundreds of captured Iraqi and Syrian soldiers, terrorized religious minorities, and beheaded two American journalists and two British aid workers. Hundreds of thousands of refugees have fled into Turkey from Syria ahead of the militants.

A U.S.-led coalition has been carrying out airstrikes against the militant targets in and around the Syrian border town of Kobani for more than two weeks. The town's fate has emerged as a major test of whether the air campaign can roll back the extremists in Syria.

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, in comments published Sunday in the Milliyet newspaper, said the Incirlik air base was already being used for reconnaissance purposes in Iraq, but suggested its use for wider operations would depend on whether Turkey's demands for a no-fly zone and a safe zone in Syria are met.

"There are activities that we are already undertaking jointly from Incirlik, concerning Iraq: The Predators, the reconnaissance flights will continue," Davutoglu told Milliyet, referring to unmanned aerial vehicles.

"But as a base for a more extensive operation — if they are expecting the contribution of any country — we have already made our position clear: there has to be a no-fly zone and a safe haven must be declared," he said.

On the ground Monday, a suicide bomber from the Islamic State group detonated his explosive-laden vehicle in Kobani amid fierce fighting with Kurdish militiamen there.

The sound of explosions and occasional gunfire could be heard across the border from Kobani a day after Kurdish fighters managed to slow the advance of the jihadist group. What appeared to

Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said use of the Incirlik air base would depend on whether Turkey's demands for a no-fly zone and a safe zone in Syria are met.

be a rocket-propelled grenade struck a minaret in the center of the town, emitting a cloud of white smoke.

Activists said Islamic State militants were carrying out a three-pronged attack from the eastern side of the town and that clashes were reported in the southern part.

The Syrian Kurdish enclave has been the scene of heavy fighting since late last month, with the better-armed Islamic State fighters determined to capture the border post.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said an Islamic State suicide bomber detonated a car filled with explosives Monday in the northern part of Kobani near the border with Turkey.

It said the car was headed to the border crossing between Kobani and Turkey. Later Monday, another suicide attacker blew himself up in a vehicle east of Kobani near the security quarter that houses the main police station and other local government offices, according to the Observatory and Kobani-based activist Farhad Shami.

Shami said the first vehicle appeared to have exploded prematurely. There was no immediate word on casualties from either explosion.

Shami said coalition aircraft flying over Kobani had struck 10 times Sunday and Monday.



LEFTIS PYTHAKIS/AP

A Turkish soldier, part of a tank unit holding its position on a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc at the Turkey-Syria border overlooking Kobani, Syria, during fighting between Syrian Kurds and the militants of the Islamic State, walks to members of the media to move them away from the tanks on Monday.

Despite fierce struggle, Kurdish forces losing ground in besieged Syrian town

BY RYAN LUCAS
The Associated Press

SURUC, Turkey — The shells were already roaring down on the Kurdish fighters from the hill above Kobani when more than 30 Islamic State militants backed by snipers and pickups mounted their assault across the dusty fields.

Holed up in an industrial area of squat, concrete buildings on Kobani's eastern edges, the outgunned Kurds could do little to repel the attack, recalled Daili Boras, one of the defenders during the Oct. 6 assault. The Islamic State group's firepower proved too much, so the Kurds withdrew through the gray streets to a tree-lined park, ceding a foothold in the town to the extremist fighters, who promptly raised two black flags over their newly conquered territory.

A week later, the Kurdish men and women of the People's Protection Units, or YPG, are still holding out, if barely, with a helping hand from more than 20 airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State positions.

They have been battered by tanks shells and mortars, and picked off by snipers using American-made rifles. They have no answer for the heavy weapons that Islamic State fighters have looted from Iraqi and Syrian army bases. And while they are slowly yielding ground, they so far have prevented the town from being overrun, defending it zealously with little more than light weapons, boobytraps and a fervent belief in their cause.

Along the way, the predominantly Kurdish town along Syria's border with Turkey has been transformed from a dusty backwater into a symbol of resistance for Kurds around the world. It also has grabbed the international

media spotlight, which has helped turn the defense of Kobani into a very public test for the American-led international effort to roll back and ultimately destroy the Islamic State group.

The battle itself is now playing out in Kobani's streets and alleyways — a fight being watched by scores of Syrian and Turkish Kurds, as well as dozens of journalists, through binoculars from hilltops and farms just across the border in Turkey.

Boras, a short and stocky 19-year-old dressed in dusty black jeans and a black T-shirt, explained how Kurdish fighters are organized into small groups of sometimes as few as five or six people who stake out positions on the front lines. Teams with rocket-propelled grenades and Russian-designed machine guns known here as "Doshkas" have taken up positions in the upper stories of some buildings to maximize the Kurds' limited firepower.

"We are communicating with walkie-talkies," Boras said recently during a three-day break from the fight. "We tell them on our walkie-talkie that they're attacking and we throw a red smoke bomb to show the position of the attack, and then the machine guns and RPGs provide support."

Since the Islamic State group first moved into Kobani's eastern districts on Oct. 6, the fighting has developed a familiar rhythm, the

Kurds say: The extremists own the day, while the Kurdish forces rule after sundown when the Islamic State's heavy weapons can't effectively target Kurdish positions.

"At night, we go out on missions to hunt them down. During the day they put pressure on us," said Boras. "We watch during the day to see where they are. And then if there's a street that needs it, we plant roadside bombs to hit them with during the day."

With limited resources, the Kurds have had to improvise. Boras recalled on one occasion packing a truck tire with explosives and then rolling it down the hill toward Islamic State fighters, destroying a machine gun post.

Most of Kobani's wounded are brought to the hospital in Suruc. Two emergency room nurses taking a short break recounted the chaos of the past few weeks.

"We usually see 25-30 wounded a day. They are serious injuries. Mostly from gunshots and shrapnel," said one of the nurses who identified himself only as Mehmet. The nurses estimated that 70 percent of the wounded are fighters, while the rest are civilians.

For now at least, the heart of Kobani remains in Kurdish hands, although their grip appears tenuous at best. With so much attention on the town, neither side can relent. Activists say the Islamic State group has rushed in reinforcements, while small numbers of Kurds continue to sneak across the border to join the fight.

One of them is Boras. Reached by telephone late Saturday night, he said he had slipped back into Kobani and returned to the front. Having already lost his father and a brother fighting the Islamic State, he said he sees no alternative but to make his stand there.

"Either Kobani will fall and I will die, or we will win," he said.

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Daili Boras
one of a small number of Kurds who snuck across the border to join the fight against the Islamic State

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NATION

Sit-in at St. Louis college

More than 1,000 gather as part of 'resistance' march

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The Washington Post

ST. LOUIS — More than 1,000 peaceful protesters shut down an intersection by playing jump rope and silently marched through St. Louis before staging a sit-in at St. Louis University early Monday morning.

The protests were part of the "weekend of resistance" that brought scores of protesters to Greater St. Louis as demonstrations continued in light of the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown, a black man shot and killed by a white police officer.

The demonstrations were the latest in a series of meticulously organized protests and acts of civil disobedience. The specifics have been held tightly by organizers, with just several dozen people aware of each night's plans until moments before the actions.

The demonstrators gathered in the Shaw neighborhood — at the scene of another recent police shooting — and split into two groups. The first group departed just after 11 p.m., marching to a nearby intersection and shutting down traffic by playing hopscotch, jumping rope and tossing footballs.

The demonstration was a play on what has become one of the most popular chants during the protests: "They think it's a game. They think it's a joke."

The second group departed



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Protesters gather around the St. Louis University campus clock tower early Monday after a march through the streets of St. Louis protesting the recent shootings of two young black men by law enforcement officers.

about 45 minutes later, marching silently on the sidewalk to meet up with the first group.

As the groups converged, they were met by officers in riot gear who held cans of pepper spray and smacked their shin guards.

The officers stood both on the sidewalk and the street and threatened to arrest the marchers. The protest leaders said they had the right to proceed on the sidewalk.

"This is an unlawful assembly," an officer yelled.

"No, it's not," protesters responded. "This is a peaceful group of people silently walking on the sidewalk."

Officers continued to make noise with their batons and threatened to arrest protesters who stood in the sidewalk and refused to turn back.

"Can you please stop beating your sticks and talk to the people you protect?" asked Derek Robinson, a local minister.

Protesters asked officers why many did not have visible name tags and warned them that observers from the Department of Justice were in the crowd.

After about 20 minutes, officers allowed the march to continue up the sidewalk.

A spokeswoman for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department did not immediately return a request for comment.

As the march continued, scholar and activist Cornel West emerged.

"I am a student, I have my ID and I have a lot of guests," a protest leader said into the megaphone.

West had de-escalated the situation when he had come to be arrested in solidarity with protesters.

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Alaska accepts gay marriage applications

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska will begin accepting marriage applications from same-sex couples Monday after a federal judge struck down the state's ban on gay marriage — one of the first such prohibitions approved by voters in the U.S.

The state began accepting applications Monday morning, Phillip Mitchell, with the state Department of Vital Statistics, told The Associated Press in an email. Alaska has a three-day waiting period between applications and marriage ceremonies.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear appeals from several states seeking to retain their bans on same-sex marriage. The Oct. 6 move effectively legalized gay marriage in about 30 states. But much of last week was marked by confusion as lower courts and states worked through when weddings could begin.

Then, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco overturned marriage bans in Nevada and Idaho last Tuesday. On Thursday, West Virginia officials began issuing gay marriage licenses.

Sunday's ruling in Alaska came in a lawsuit brought by five gay couples who asked the state in May to overturn a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1995. The judge heard arguments Friday and released his 25-page decision Sunday, saying the laws violated gay couples' due process and equal protection rights.



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Wind sends bounce house flying; 2 hurt

The Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. — Police and fire officials on Monday were working to find out why an inflatable bounce house lifted off the ground and flew some 40 feet across a farm before crashing down and injuring two toddlers who were inside.

Authorities said two boys, ages 2 and 3, had climbed into the bounce house at Sullivan Farm in Nashua, N.H., on Sunday when it went airborne, flying over a fence and then crashing to the ground. The younger boy suffered critical injuries and was flown to a Boston hospital. The 3-year-old boy also was injured.

Winds were blowing between 7 and 12 mph early Sunday afternoon, according to data from the

National Weather Service.

The farm's co-owner, Gary Bergeron, told WMUR-TV that the bounce house had been inflated so it could dry off and was not open at the time. But the father of one of the injured boys, who were not identified, told the station that a farm volunteer led visitors to believe it was open.

"That's all part of the investigation," Steven Galpeau, assistant Nashua fire chief, said Monday.

Calls to the two hospitals where the boys were taken weren't immediately returned Monday.

Sullivan Farm is a 50-acre working farm and a popular autumn destination.

Commercial bounce houses rented for parties and other events are made of heavy vinyl, weigh 200 to 250 pounds and are secured by

18-inch steel stakes. Authorities haven't said the size of the bounce house at Sullivan Farm.

There have been several incidents recently in which children were injured when the bounce houses they were in went airborne. Among them, in May in upstate New York, two boys, ages 5 and 6, fell 15 feet to the ground after one of the houses broke loose from its plastic anchoring stakes and was swept skyward by a gust of wind. One of the boys was put in a medically induced coma and spent more than a month in the hospital.

In Scottsdale, Ariz., a bounce house outside a McDonald's restaurant was pushed into traffic by a gust of wind in March 2012. No injuries were reported.

EBOLA OUTBREAK

WHO: Ebola modern era's worst health crisis

By JIM GOMEZ

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The World Health Organization called the Ebola outbreak "the most severe, acute health emergency seen in modern times" on Monday but also said that economic disruptions can be curbed if people are adequately informed to prevent irrational moves to dodge infection.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan, citing World Bank figures, said 90 percent of economic costs of any outbreak "come from irrational and disorganized efforts of the public to avoid infection."

Staffers of the global health organization "are very well aware that fear of infection has spread around the world much faster than the virus," Chan said in a

Liberia avoids mass hospital strike

MONROVIA, Liberia — Health workers reported for duty at Liberia's hospitals on Monday, largely defying calls for a strike that could have further hampered the country's ability to respond to the worst Ebola outbreak in history.

Nurses and other health workers — though not doctors — had threatened to strike if they did not receive the higher hazard pay they had been promised by the government.

George Williams, of the Health Workers Association, which represents 10,000 health workers including about 1,000 who work on Ebola wards, accused the government of pressuring people to go back to work. Information Minister Lewis Brown said the government had simply asked health workers to go to work since it is in the national interest.

It was unclear if the health workers have been offered higher hazard pay, as they were demanding.

From The Associated Press

statement read out to a regional health conference in the Philippine capital, Manila.

"We are seeing, right now, how this virus can disrupt economies and societies around the world,"

she said, but added that adequately educating the public was a "good defense strategy" and would allow governments to prevent economic disruptions.

The Ebola epidemic has killed more than 4,000 people, mostly in the West African countries of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, according to WHO figures published last week.

Chan did not specify those steps but praised the Philippines for holding an anti-Ebola summit last week, warning that the Southeast Asian country was vulnerable due to the large number of Filipinos working abroad.

While bracing for Ebola, health officials should continue to focus on major health threats, including noncommunicable diseases, she said.

Philippine Health Secretary

Enrique Ona said authorities will ask more than 1,700 Filipinos working in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea to observe themselves for at least 21 days for Ebola symptoms in those countries first if they plan to return home. Once home, they should observe themselves for another 21 days and then report the result of their self-screening to health authorities to be doubly sure they have not been infected, he said, adding that hospitals which would deal with any Ebola patients have already been identified in the Philippines.

Last month, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged leaders in the most affected countries to establish special centers that aim to isolate infected people from noninfected relatives in an effort to stem the spread of Ebola.



LM OTERO/AP

A hazmat worker moves a barrel while finishing up cleaning outside the apartment building where a hospital worker who tested positive for the Ebola virus lives Sunday in Dallas.

Health care workers monitored

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Health officials are intensifying the monitoring in the nation, raising questions about assurances by health officials here that the disease will be contained and any American hospital should be able to treat it.

Tests confirmed the first known case of Ebola transmitted in the nation, raising questions about assurances by health officials here that the disease will be contained and any American hospital should be able to treat it.

Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Sunday there had been a breach of protocol that led the worker to become infected while treating patient Thomas Eric Duncan, but officials are not sure what occurred. Duncan, who traveled from Liberia to visit family, did not get sick until he arrived in the U.S. He died Wednesday.

The worker, who has not been

identified, has not been able to point to how the breach might have occurred.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, was asked on ABC's "Good Morning America" if federal health authorities should consider requiring that Ebola patients be sent only to highly specialized "containment" hospitals.

"That is something that should be seriously considered," Fauci said.

Dallas police barred entry to the health care worker's apartment complex Sunday. Officers also knocked on doors, made automated phone calls and passed out a four-block radius about the situation, although Dallas authorities assured residents the risk was confined to those who have had close contact with the two Ebola patients.

The worker wore a gown, gloves, mask and shield while she cared for Duncan during his se-

cond visit to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, said Dr. Daniel Varga, of Texas Health Resources, which runs the hospital.

Duncan, who arrived in the U.S. from Liberia on Sept. 20, first sought medical care for fever and abdominal pain Sept. 25. He told a nurse he had traveled from Africa, but he was sent home. He returned Sept. 28 and was placed in isolation because of suspected Ebola.

Texas health officials have been closely monitoring nearly 50 people who had or may have had close contact with Duncan after he started showing symptoms but before he was diagnosed with the disease.

The health care worker reported a fever Friday night as part of a self-monitoring regimen required by the CDC, Varga said.

Another person described as a "close contact" of the health worker has been proactively placed in isolation, he added, without saying where.

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WORLD

Anti-protest mob charges Hong Kong barricades

BY SYLVIA HUI
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The Associated Press

HONG KONG — A mob of masked men opposed to Hong Kong's pro-democracy demonstrators led an apparently coordinated assault on the protest zone in the heart of the city's financial district Monday, tearing down barricades and clashing with police.

The chaotic scenes came after police carried out a dawn operation to reopen some key roads blocked by protesters for more than 15 days. Police said they will continue to chip away at the occupied zone to relieve traffic, and warned that anyone who challenges them could be arrested.

Monday's confrontations highlighted the growing tension between student-led protesters and authorities — as well as other residents aggravated by the disruptions. The protesters, who had enjoyed widespread support when the movement began, are fighting to keep up momentum as the political crisis entered a third week.

Demonstrators have flooded several thoroughfares in central Hong Kong since Sept. 28 in a civil disobedience movement to oppose restrictions on the first-ever direct election for the semi-autonomous Chinese city's leader, promised by Beijing for 2017. They want authorities to drop a plan to use a pro-Beijing committee to screen candidates, and demand the resignation of Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, the city's deeply unpopular Beijing-backed leader.

Authorities have repeatedly urged protesters to retreat from



People remove the metal barricades set up by protesters to block off main roads near the heart of Hong Kong's financial district on Monday.

the streets, but student leaders have vowed to keep up the disruptions until the government responds to their demands.

Protesters were rebuilding barriers Monday after about two dozen men wearing surgical masks to hide their faces tore at the metal barricades that demonstrators had put in place. The men, who used box cutters to snap the cable ties connecting the barricades, scuffled with protesters and police who tried to stop them.

An angry crowd of several hundred people then descended on the scene, rushing up to the barricades and attempting to storm the

protest zone. They punched their fists in the air and chanted, "Open the road!" About a dozen taxi drivers joined in, driving their cabs up to the barricades and leaning on their horns to express their anger over the traffic disruptions.

A line of police officers held the crowd back, keeping them separated from the protesters on the other side of the barriers.

It was not immediately clear who organized the anti-protest crowd, but some blamed triads, or organized crime gangs.

"Before the police came, young men wearing masks and dark clothing came to pick fights with

people, and we heard that some of them had weapons," said Kevin Ng, a college student who was at the scene and saw the scuffles. "I don't know who the young men wearing masks were. We suspect they're triad members, but it's hard to say. What other kind of group would organize themselves to come attack us?"

One protester, Alex Kwok, said he received a scratch on his arm after he was attacked by several men, whom he accused of being members of triads.

The tension later eased as most of the crowd dispersed. Police took away some masked men in-

side the protest zone who tried to pick fights with the protesters, and later said they arrested three men, aged 18 to 47, at the clashes on suspicion of assault and carrying weapons. Police did not say which side those arrested supported.

Allegations have surfaced that some people were paid to disrupt the protests. A local radio station broadcast an audio clip Monday in which a man, said to be a taxi driver, discussed a payment

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of \$258 to take part in the ruckus. The clip could not be independently verified, and it was not clear where the alleged payment was coming from. Speaking to reporters at an event in Guangzhou, a city in southern China, Leung stressed that the authorities have handled the protests with a "huge degree of tolerance."

He dodged a question about when officers will move in to clear the protests, saying only, "We cannot let this situation continue in the long term."

Leung also said, "I will not resign, and I don't have to resign."

Cyclone in India kills at least 8

BY MOHAMMED SHAFEEQ
The Associated Press

HYDERABAD, India — Rescue workers and soldiers cleared uprooted trees and electrical poles blocking roads on Monday after a tropical cyclone killed at least eight people and demolished tens of thousands of mud huts in eastern India.

In Japan, a tropical storm could reach the Tokyo area early Tuesday. At typhoon strength earlier, Vongfong hit Kyushu island after battering the southern island of Okinawa. At least 37 people were injured, and 400,000 were advised to evacuate. Train service and flights were disrupted in Kyushu and the neighboring island of Shikoku.

In India, rescuers readied dozens of boats, helicopters and other aircraft to carry out relief operations once they obtained a clearer idea of the extent of damage in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha states, said Anil Shekhawat, an Indian official.

Weather forecasters warned that heavy to very heavy rainfall would hit parts of six Indian states as a tropical depression moved fur-



An Indian fisherman walks near anchored fishing boats as strong winds blow a day after a cyclone pounded the Bay of Bengal coast in Gopalpur, India.

ther inland northwest of the city of Visakhapatnam, where it made landfall as a cyclone Sunday.

Cyclone Hudhud's winds demolished about 50,000 thatched huts

belonging to poor tribal people in the Gajapati, Koraput and Malkangiri districts of Odisha state, said P.K. Mahapatra, the state's special relief commissioner.

Eight people had died as of Monday, five in Andhra Pradesh state and three in Odisha state, mostly because of injuries from collapsed walls and falling trees, officials said.

At least 400,000 people were evacuated from coastal areas of the two states ahead of the storm, and hundreds of shelters were set up to house them, helping to reduce casualties.

While India has a disastrous record of response to natural calamities, it safely evacuated nearly 1 million people before Cyclone Phailin hit Odisha state last October. The strongest tropical storm to hit India in more than a decade, Phailin destroyed hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of crops but claimed only about 25 lives.

Visakhapatnam, one of the largest cities in southern India and a major naval base, bore the brunt of Hudhud's fury. Television footage showed downed electrical poles, uprooted trees and debris strewn in the streets.

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WORLD



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Yemen's then-minister of oil and minerals, Khaled Bahah, speaks at the Petrotech-2007 conference in New Delhi, India, in January 2007. On Monday, Yemen's president appointed Bahah as prime minister.

Shiite rebels back choice of new Yemeni prime minister

By AHMED AL-HAJ
The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Yemen's president on Monday appointed a diplomat and former oil minister as prime minister after securing backing of Islamists as well as Shiite rebels who control the capital, amid hopes of easing a political deadlock in the impoverished, violence-stricken country.

Khaled Bahah, Yemen's ambassador to the United Nations, will have 30 days to form a government in the restive Arabian Peninsula nation after rival political groups gave their backing to his selection by President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, state media reported.

In a statement, Shiite Houthi rebels who have controlled the capital, Sanaa, for weeks said they "welcome" the appointment

of Bahah. Last week, the Houthis rejected Hadi's previous choice for the post, presidential adviser Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak, who then withdrew his nomination.

The appointment is part of a peace deal brokered by the United Nations after Houthis swept through Sanaa and took over army barracks, ministries and vital state institutions last month. Under terms of the deal, Hadi was to appoint a new prime minister after securing consensus of various political factions. Houthis, the rival Islah party, and representatives of a southern movement signed the deal.

Yemen, the Arab world's poorest and perhaps most chronically unstable nation, has faced a troubled transition after long-ruling President Ali Abdullah Saleh agreed to step down after a 2011 uprising inspired by the

Arab Spring. Two suicide bombings on Thursday killed nearly 70 people — one targeting an anti-government rally by the Houthis.

Hadi, who has U.S. backing, faces sectarian challenges both from the Houthis and hard-line Sunni Muslims, including an al-Qaida branch in the south that the United States has been battling for years with a drone campaign and in coordination with the Yemeni military.

Born in 1965, Bahah is from southern Yemen, studied banking and graduated from an Indian university. He also previously served as oil minister and ambassador to Canada.

Bahah is set to become Yemen's first new prime minister in two years, after Mohammed Salem Bassindwa was forced out last month.

Frenchman wins Nobel economics prize

By KARL RITTER
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The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — French economist Jean Tirole won the Nobel prize for economics Monday for research on market regulation that has helped policymakers understand how to deal with industries dominated by a few companies.

His work is credited with helping drive the deregulation of industries in developed economies in the 1980s and 1990s, when many sectors were dominated by state-owned companies or monopolies. More recently, however, Tirole has argued for stronger regulation of banks in the wake of the global financial crisis.

"I'm so moved," said Tirole, 61, speaking to a news conference in Stockholm by phone from Toulouse.

Tirole, who works at the Toulouse School of Economics in France and has a Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the third Frenchman to win the \$1.1 million Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences and the country's latest international economic star.



Tirole

The economics was also the second Nobel award captured by Frenchmen this year, with the literature prize last week going to writer Patrick Modiano.

Calling Tirole "one of the most influential economists of our time," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said he's made contributions in a range of research areas. But it highlighted his role in clarifying "how to understand and regulate industries with a few powerful firms."

Left unregulated, such industries can produce undesirable results, such as unnecessarily high prices or unproductive companies blocking new firms from entering the market.

China benefits as sanctions grip rival Russia

By HENRY MEYER
AND EVGENIA PISMENAYA
Bloomberg News

MOSCOW — Defying his former enemies in the United States and Europe may force Vladimir Putin to aid the ascent of his biggest rival in the east.

Isolated over Ukraine, Russia is relying on China for the investment it needs to avert a recession, three people involved in policy planning said, asking not to be identified discussing internal matters. That means caving in to pressure to grant China privileged access to the two things it wants most: raw materials and advanced weapons.

Russia's growing dependence on China, with which it spent decades battling for control over global communism, may end up strengthening its neighbor's position in the Pacific while hastening its own economic decline. With the ruble near a record low and foreign investment disappearing, luring Chinese cash may deepen Russia's reliance on natural resources and derail government efforts to diversify the economy.

"Now that Putin has turned away from the west and toward the east, China is drawing maximum profit from Russian necessity," said Masha Lipman, an independent political analyst in Moscow who co-authored a study on Putin with former U.S. Ambassador Michael McFaul.

China is wasting no time filling the void created by the closing of U.S. and European debt markets to Russia's largest borrowers. A Chinese delegation led by Premier Li Keqiang signed a package of deals Monday in Moscow in areas including energy and finance. Among the accords was a three-year, 150 billion-yuan local-currency swap deal, a double-tax treaty, satellite-navigation and high-speed rail cooperation and an agreement on implementing a May natural gas contract.

China's Export-Import Bank signed framework deals with VTB Group and Vnesheconombank, Russia's development bank, and a trade financing agreement with Russian Agricultural Bank. The Russian state-controlled banks are subject to sanctions.

Li's three-day visit "will inject new impetus to the development of the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership," Vice Foreign Minister Cheng Guoping told CCTV.

Russia's embrace of China reflects a vulnerability that the country hasn't experienced since the collapse of the Soviet Union, which triggered a depression that fractured society and led to the emergence of oligarchs who were often at odds with the state. Unlike

1991, Russians now are united in support of their leader and, with \$455 billion in foreign currency and gold reserves, the country isn't broke, according to Lipman.

"The economy was of worse then, but Russia was in a much better position geopolitically because it had the support of the U.S. and Europe," Lipman said. "Now that Putin has opted for confrontation, he's been left without allies. China is totally unresentful and pragmatic."

Russia is preparing to sign contracts for the delivery of advanced missile systems and fighter jets to China, an analyst said.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, who was traveling with a text request during the weekend, didn't answer calls to his mobile phone nor reply immediately to a text request for comment. The deepening ties between two of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council may reverberate beyond the region as Putin moves to meet one of China's key military goals: acquiring cutting-edge technology.

Russia is preparing to sign contracts for the delivery of S-400 missile systems and Su-35 fighter jets to its fellow nuclear state as early as the first quarter of next year, said Vasily Kashin, a China expert at the Center of Analysis of Strategies and Technologies in Moscow. Russia may also supply China with its newest submarine, the Amur 1650, and components for products such as nuclear-powered satellites, Kashin said.

This may trigger a conventional arms race in East Asia, said Oleg Lavrinenko, a military analyst at Stratfor, a U.S. geopolitical risk analysis company.

"Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines and Vietnam are already worried about the Chinese developing their military and those concerns will only increase if China gets the Russian equipment," Lavrinenko said by phone from Austin, Texas.

The S-400, which only Russia currently uses, would extend China's reach to encompass all of Taiwan's airspace, while the Su-35 would allow the Chinese to use the technology to reach the U.S. air force, Lavrinenko said. While Russia has been a major arms supplier to China for decades, it's withheld its best systems until now because China often uses reverse engineering to create competing knockoffs and to swell its arsenal, he said.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Yelp site battles extortion claims

By PAUL ELIAS

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — First the chefs of a small Italian restaurant got mad at online review site Yelp. Instead of trying to get better reviews, they decided to take a different approach: get terrible ones.

The campaign helped Botte Bistro get a rating of one out of five stars, as more than 1,000 reviewers left hundreds of tongue-in-cheek reviews panning the Richmond, Calif., eatery, said chef Michele Massimo, adding that it boosted business.

It was the latest protest among businesses who for years have complained that Yelp was extorting them by raising or dropping ratings depending on whether they advertised with the Web's most popular review site.

Yelp has persistently denied these claims on its website, in court and at every opportunity when the question is put publicly to the company. It recently got a

federal appeals court to throw out a lawsuit alleging the extortion.

"It wouldn't pass the straight-face test," Yelp spokesman Vince Sullitto said of the extortion claims.

Sullitto said Yelp attracts millions of viewers and sells advertising to 80,000 businesses because of the site's credibility with consumers. Sullitto said many of the company's critics are businesses that have received bad reviews.

Last month, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals tossed out a lawsuit filed by several businesses claiming Yelp extorted them by removing positive reviews after advertising sales pitches were turned down.

The court is one rung below the U.S. Supreme Court, and the ruling could have been a definitive one for Yelp.

Instead, it served to fuel the company's critics because the court said that even if Yelp did manipulate reviews to penalize businesses, the practice would not

constitute extortion.

The court said it found no evidence of manipulation and that it was ruling narrowly only on the question of extortion. Nonetheless, the company's critics said the ruling supported their claims of sharp practices.

Even before the 9th Circuit ruling, Yelp was battling two lawsuits filed by company investors who make similar extortion claims.

The suits, filed in San Francisco federal court over the summer, allege that the company's stock traded at artificially inflated prices because the "company tried to sell services designed to suppress negative reviews or make them go away" and then lied about it.

The company has yet to formally respond to the lawsuits in court, but says it will fight those legal actions as well.

The accusations are so widespread and have persisted for so long that the company asks on its website: "Does Yelp extort small

businesses?" The company answers no.

Yelp has had a complicated relationship with merchants, restaurateurs and other small businesses on which the company depends for advertising revenue. To attract advertising, Yelp needs to maintain a popular and credible site.

To do this, Yelp says, it uses an algorithm to weed out fake reviews submitted by business owners, relatives and friends that is often misunderstood. The automated removal programs accidentally erase many positive reviews written by legitimate customers.

Massimo said he and his partner decided to launch their novel protest for a one-star rating after receiving several aggressive sales calls from Yelp that they perceived were laced with threats. The play worked, and business continues to be brisk, he said.

"It was the best marketing idea I've ever had," Massimo said. "Thanks, Yelp."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro (Oct. 13)	\$1.2992
Dollar buys (Oct. 13)	€0.7697
British pound (Oct. 13)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Oct. 13)	¥105.00
South Korean won (Oct. 13)	₩1,045.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6090
Canada (dollar)	1.1200
China (Yuan)	6.1255
Denmark (Krone)	6.8682
Egypt (Pound)	7.1125
Euro	\$1.2688/1.7882
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.7584
Hungary (Forint)	240.69
Israel (Sheqel)	3.7351
Japan (Yen)	107.30
Kuwait (Dinar)	2.8787
Norway (Krone)	6.4916
Philippines (Peso)	44.77
Poland (Zloty)	3.31
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7513
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2716
South Korea (won)	1,067.22
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9520
Thailand (Baht)	32.42
Turkey (Lira)	2.2703

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., South Korea, Japan, Germany, etc.), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.25
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.01

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	77	45	Cir	Chatanooga	71	65	Rain	Fort Wayne	68	63	Rain	Louisville	68	67	Rain
Akron, Ohio	77	45	Cir	Cheney	70	37	Cir	Fresno	87	63	Cir	Lubbock	75	42	Rain
Albany, N.Y.	73	55	Cir	Chicago	64	59	Rain	Goodland	70	37	Cir	Macon	77	70	Rain
Albuquerque	73	41	Cir	Cincinnati	68	64	Rain	Grand Junction	67	37	Cir	Portland, Ore.	72	56	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	75	56	Cir	Cleveland	72	63	Rain	Grand Rapids	70	64	Rain	Pueblo	76	31	Cir
Amarillo	75	56	Cir	Colorado Springs	71	33	Cir	Great Falls	59	PCldy	Memphis	66	55	Cldy	
Anchorage	41	34	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	83	67	Rain	Green Bay	57	50	Rain	Midland-Odesa	75	43	Cir
Asheville	69	60	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	76	71	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	78	61	Cldy	Milwaukee	61	56	Rain
Astoria	72	68	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	74	63	Rain	Hartford	57	50	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	62	45	PCldy
Atlantic City	77	61	Cir	Corpus Christi	78	73	Cir	Helena	73	41	PCldy	Missoula	75	39	PCldy
Austin	75	52	Cir	Dayton	68	63	Rain	Honolulu	86	73	Cir	Mobile	76	66	PCldy
Baltimore	77	62	Cldy	Daytona Beach	89	73	Cir	Houston	79	56	Cir	Montgomery	78	69	Rain
Baton Rouge	76	58	Cir	Denver	73	37	Cir	Huntsville	72	66	Rain	Nashville	73	67	Cir
Bilings	76	46	Cir	Des Moines	60	49	Cir	Indianapolis	67	63	Rain	New Orleans	76	63	Cir
Birmingham	73	68	Rain	Detroit	72	62	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	69	56	Cir	New York City	77	60	Cldy
Bismarck	68	36	Cir	Duluth	72	62	Rain	Jacksonville	85	71	Rain	Newark	79	69	Cir
Boise	74	52	PCldy	El Paso	77	48	Cir	Janeau	59	40	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	81	65	Cldy
Boston	72	56	Cir	Elkins	76	58	Cldy	Kansas City	60	50	Cir	North Platte	69	35	Cir
Bridgeport	72	56	Cir	Erie	73	63	Cldy	Key West	88	82	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	61	Cir
Brownsville	85	64	Cir	Eugene	62	51	Rain	Lake Charles	77	57	Cir	Omaha	65	44	Cir
Buffalo	80	61	PCldy	Evansville	68	63	Rain	Lansing	71	64	Rain	Paducah	64	29	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	75	56	Cir	Fairbanks	32	23	Cldy	Las Vegas	87	61	Cir	Pendleton	72	45	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	67	45	Cir	Fargo	63	38	Cir	Lexington	70	66	Rain	Perth	65	59	Cir
Casper	70	36	Cir	Flagstaff	69	35	Cir	Lincoln	66	43	Cir	Philadelphia	80	61	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	85	69	Cir	Flint	71	61	Rain	Little Rock	66	55	Cldy	Phoenix	92	66	Cir
Charlotte, W.Va.	81	63	Cir	Fort Smith	67	51	Cldy	Los Angeles	79	62	PCldy	Pittsburgh	77	60	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	78	66	Rain												

National temperature extremes

Hi: Sun, 103, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Sat, 10, Fairbanks, Alaska

National temperature extremes
Hi: Sun., 103, Death Valley, Calif.
Lo: Sun., 20, Roscommon, Mich.

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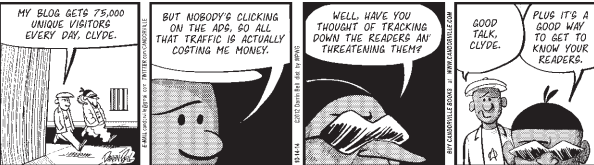
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Candorville



Get Fuzzy



Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- Tosses in
- Not at all moist
- Jack and Jill's terrain
- Distort
- Fish eggs
- Stage award
- Hebrew month
- Sierra Nevada park
- Meditation surface
- "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
- Marry
- Leprechauns' dance
- Handed out hands
- Alpine warbler
- Billboards
- Plead
- Ostrich's cousin
- Dannon competitor
- Pursue
- Comic Philips
- Curly's brother
- Plant swelling
- Latin lovers' phrase
- City in Japan
- Barrel part
- Paradise
- Halloween mo.
- Initial chip
- Colonial sewer

DOWN

- Part of UNLV
- Garden intruder
- Tokyo's old name
- Cleopatra's slayer
- Nevertheless
- Michele of "Glee"
- 28 Type measures
- Regret
- Life story, for short
- Dealership duds
- 35 Asian nursemaid
- 36 Barracks bed
- 37 Baying sound
- 39 Castle protectors
- 40 Watchful one
- 41 Old foggy
- 42 Stretches (out)
- 43 Village People hit
- 44 Top-rated
- 45 Speck
- 46 Newspaper page
- 48 MSN rival

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: THAT FAMOUS WOMAN LIKED TO BREAK UP WITH HER BOYFRIENDS. I'D SAY SHE HAD A SPLIT PERSONALITY.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals M

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

2 arrested after pot plants found in home

AL SCOTTSDALE — Authorities in northeast Alabama said they arrested two people after finding 20 marijuana plants growing inside a Jackson County home.

Jackson County Sheriff's deputies were assisting with a welfare check on a child Friday when they noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the home. They called in drug agents and got a search warrant.

Deputies reported finding hydroponic growing equipment, about 20 pot plants ranging from 6 inches to 4 feet tall, and several pounds of drying marijuana.

Al.com reported that Paul Alan Scharwath, 46, and Tracy Lynn Scharwath, 45, were charged with trafficking marijuana and chemical endangerment of a child. Authorities said a teenager at the home was released to a family member.

Court officials voiding \$1 billion in debt

PA PHILADELPHIA — Court officials in Philadelphia are wiping \$1 billion in debt owed by one-time fugitives off the books.

The debt involves tens of thousands of people who failed to show for court dates through March 2010. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that some of the cases go back 50 years.

Officials said collection efforts will stop, and the debt will be cleared from court files.

The bookkeeping measure does not apply to court fines or restitution.

Community Legal Services has been helping hundreds of people have their bail debts erased.

Polygraph examiner pleads guilty to lying

GA BRUNSWICK — A polygraph examiner has pleaded guilty to perjury for giving false testimony in a mass murder case in coastal Georgia.

The Florida Times-Union reported that Kenneth Blackstone, 63, of Stone Mountain was sentenced to five years on probation and fined \$1,000 after entering his plea Friday in Glynn County Superior Court.

The charge stemmed from pre-trial testimony Blackstone gave in the case of Guy Heinze Jr., who was convicted last year of killing his father and seven others inside a Brunswick mobile home.

During a pretrial hearing July 18, 2013, Blackstone testified he said he gave Heinze a polygraph examination that indicated he didn't commit the slayings and shared the results with an independent expert. Prosecutors showed the expert was traveling outside the country and never saw Heinze's test.

Post office dedicated to deceased veteran

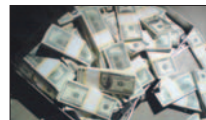
NY ALDEN — A western New York post office has been dedicated to a hometown soldier killed in Afghanistan.

THE CENSUS

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hide his cash withdrawals and avoid reporting requirements..

The amount of money the former chief financial officer at New Orleans Traffic Court has been convicted of embezzling. A federal jury in New Orleans convicted Vandale Thomas on Friday of 11 counts including money laundering and theft during his three years with the traffic court. He faces up to 10 years in prison for each of six counts of theft and money laundering and up to five years on each of five counts of trying to



STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

The tide is high

Visiting the area for the first time, Fran Glod, 64, of Oswego, N.Y., walks down the steps to the beach which is covered by a king tide high tide Thursday on Tybee Island, Ga. The annual king tide is the year's highest astronomical tide when the alignment of the full moon causes higher than normal tides along the coast.

A plaque honoring Army Sgt. Brett Gorniewicz was unveiled Friday in the town of Alden, east of Buffalo. It will be permanently installed at the U.S. Post Office there.

Gorniewicz was on his second deployment with the Army Reserve in November 2012 when he was fatally injured by an improvised explosive device that struck his vehicle.

Before his death, Gorniewicz had been awarded a Bronze Star with Valor for risking his life to save a fellow soldier during a firefight.

Book found in box hidden inside statue

MA WOBURN — Historians who opened a small copper box that had been hidden in the head of a lion statue atop Boston's Old State House for more than a century got a small surprise: a hardcover book.

In addition to the expected papers, the Bostonian Society on

Thursday found the small red book inside the box roughly the size of a modern shoebox. The book had no visible markings, and nothing was taken out of the box because of the items' fragile condition. So, the contents of the book remain a mystery.

Society President Brian LeMay said he was "absolutely delighted" by the discovery.

The time capsule has been sealed inside the lion's head since 1901.

Struggling jail used for American Indians

MT HARDIN — A Montana town that once offered to take in suspected terrorists from Guantanamo Bay out of desperation to fill an empty, \$27 million jail has finally started to fill its cells with American Indian inmates from across the Northern Plains.

The Two Rivers Regional Detention Facility in Hardin was built in 2007 on hopes it would

boost an economically-depressed area of southeast Montana bordering the Crow Indian Reservation. But it suffered a series of failures after Montana prison officials said the jail wouldn't suit their needs.

Warden Ken Keller said Two Rivers has taken in almost 60 inmates in recent weeks from American Indian reservations in Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.

Most are serving time for alcohol or drug crimes and must go through an intensive rehabilitation program in Hardin.

Firefighters trained in crude oil train incidents

WA SEATTLE — About two dozen Seattle firefighters received training Wednesday on responding to incidents involving trains carrying crude oil.

BNSF Railway plans to locate a new mobile foam trailer in Seattle, and about a dozen firefight-

ers got a chance to see how that equipment works at the company's Seattle rail yard.

Derailments of oil trains have caused explosions in several states and Quebec, raising concerns over safety and environment.

Turkeys are killed in crash of semi trailer

ND LAMOURE — A semi-trailer crash in southeastern North Dakota killed a number of turkeys.

The Highway Patrol said the semi went out of control on a curve on a county road near LaMoure about 9 p.m. Oct. 6 and landed on its side in the ditch. The semi was hauling a flatbed trailer with cages of turkeys, and the patrol says "a large percentage" of the birds were killed. Authorities did not give a specific number.

Driver Lavern Lentz, 59 of Huron, South Dakota, was flown to an Aberdeen hospital.

From wire reports

SHIFTING GEARS



The Paris Motor Show is seen during press day Oct. 2. Carmakers are hoping to impress with new models and prove they have come out stronger from years of economic trouble and cost-cutting.

MICHEL EULIER/AP

Paris show focuses on smaller cars and crossovers

By MARK PHELAN
Detroit Free Press

Car show season began with a flood of unveilings at the Paris Motor Show this month. The show, which opened to the public Oct. 4, features impressive minicars, luxury models and far-out concepts.

France is one of Europe's biggest new-car markets, home to customers who embrace a wide range of vehicles, including the crossover SUVs that are sweeping the continent.

Many vehicles debuting in Paris this month will be on sale in the U.S. soon.

Fiat 500X

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles revealed the Fiat 500X, a subcompact crossover SUV which shares its underpinnings with the Jeep Renegade. Fiat will build them both in Melfi, Italy.

American Fiat dealers are counting on the 500X to attract new customers. While the Renegade claims significant off-road prowess, the 500X is likely to

spend its life on city and suburban streets.

The 500X's styling is similar to the little 500 city car. It bears very little resemblance to the Renegade, despite sharing its architecture and many components. The 500X goes on sale in Europe later this year and should arrive in U.S. dealerships next spring.

GM updates Opel Corsa

General Motors' European Opel brand gives its Corsa subcompact a significant reworking, with new styling, efficient new drivetrains, interior upgrades and goodies like front collision alert, seven-inch touch screen, Bluetooth and Siri compatibility.

The Corsa will feature GM's new 1.0-liter, three-cylinder diesel, which produces up to 115 horsepower. It also gets a pair of new six-speed transmissions, a manual and an automatic.

GM's never sold the Corsa in the U.S., but if Buick decides to offer a car smaller than the compact Verano, it will be.

Opel will also introduce a new 170-horsepower four-cylinder



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

The Mercedes AMG GT S looks to dethrone the Porsche 911 as the ultimate German sports car.

2.0-liter diesel engine at the show. Watch for it in the next generation of the Chevrolet Cruze and other small cars and SUVs GM sells in North America.

Four-door Mini

Mini hopes to win new buyers with the first four-door version of its signature hardtop model. Due in American dealerships in January, the four-door hatchback reportedly can fit three people in its rear seat, one more than the two-door. About 6.3 inches longer than the Mini two-door, the as-yet unnamed new model also offers considerably more cargo space behind the rear seat. It's expected to replace the Clubman.

Mini promises the car retains the brand's responsive handling despite the extra size and weight.

Mercedes' 911 rival

Mercedes-Benz hopes to challenge the Porsche 911's claim to be the ultimate German sports

car with acceleration. Mercedes says the two-seater's hatchback layout provides plenty of luggage room for fast getaway trips. U.S. sales should begin next spring.

Ford S-Max

Essentially a minivan based on the Fusion midsize sedan, the sleek S-Max is popular in Europe, but not a likely candidate for sale in North America.

It shares architecture and major technical systems with the Fusion, which Ford calls the Mondeo in Europe. The S-Max introduces Ford's latest controls and connectivity systems to European customers.

The S-Max seats up to seven.

Toyota's CH-R crossover

Smaller than the RAV4, the CH-R concept could preview Toyota's entry into the growing market for subcompact crossovers. Its sporty styling suggests Toyota wants to challenge the Nissan Juke. European media reports suggest it might be sold as a Scion in North America.



REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/AP

The Toyota C-HR concept looks aimed squarely at Nissan's Juke.

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ACTIVE FENCE

Air defense Soldiers from USAREUR's 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command have been deployed and on duty 24/7 for nearly a year on a continuing NATO mission involving counterpart Patriot missile units from Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, augmenting Turkey's defenses and protecting millions of Turkish citizens in cities along the country's border with Syria.



Without deep engagement in the world, America would face the world not on our own terms. That is why America's commitment to the world isn't a luxury, but it is a necessity. And it must be unwavering.

MIHAIL KOHALNICEANU AIR BASE TRANSIT CENTER



Location matters, and so does expertise. Led by the expert logisticians and Soldiers of USAREUR's 21st Theater Sustainment Command and built on a firm platform of strategic access created by years of dedicated effort by USAREUR people, "Mik" became a primary hub for moving U.S. forces into and out of Afghanistan earlier this year. More than 560 missions and 85,000 Soldiers have been already processed safely and efficiently through the center.

REGIONALLY ALIGNED FORCES



Operations and exercises supporting the Army's Regionally Aligned Forces concept are just one of many ways the USAREUR team is helping to set the theater for combatant commanders, preparing U.S.-based units to function alongside regional partners in Europe as components of the European Response Force and NATO Response Force.

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RAPID TRIDENT

USAREUR Soldiers are a key part of this annual exercise at Ukraine's International Peacekeeping and Security Center, promoting regional stability and security, strengthening partnerships and trust and improving interoperability among NATO and partner nations. This year's exercise includes personnel from Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain and the U.S.



le more conflict, not less - and on the terms of our adversaries,
o its allies - in Europe and around the world - is not a burden ...
ering. // -Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel.

AVIATION OUT FRONT



Aviators from USAREUR's 12th Combat Aviation Brigade are supporting a wide variety of multinational missions across Europe and beyond, building unique capabilities and partnerships through training such as recent carrier landing training on British naval vessels in the Arabian Gulf.

SUPPORTING THE OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM COALITION



Alliances and partnerships matter, and there's no clearer demonstration than in NATO's International Security Assistance Force. Three-quarters of the nations contributing forces to ISAF in Afghanistan come from USAREUR's 51-country area of responsibility. USAREUR's Joint Multinational Training Command helps train many of those forces for their ISAF missions.

FACES



Azalea leads nods for American Music Awards

Australian rapper Iggy Azalea is the lead nominee for the American Music Awards.

Dick clark productions announced Monday that the "Fancy" performer is up for six awards at the Nov. 23 event at Nokia Theatre L.A. Live. Azalea's nominations include artist, new artist and single of the year for her No. 1 smash "Fancy."



Azalea

John Legend, Katy Perry and Pharrell Williams have five nominations each, while Lorde is up for four honors at the fan-voted show. Those acts are all nominated for artist of the year, competing with Beyoncé, Luke Bryan, Eminem, Imagine Dragons and One Direction. The 10 nominees will be reduced to five after fan votes received through Nov. 13 are tallied.

■ R&B singer Chris Brown racked up seven nominations for the Soul Train Awards, including Best R&B/Soul Male Artist and Song of the Year for "Loyal." Beyoncé earned six nominations and Pharrell Williams followed with five. Williams and Beyoncé will be in contention for Album of the Year along with John Legend, Drake, Janelle Monáe and the late Michael Jackson. Hosted by Wendy Williams, the Soul Train Awards will be presented on Nov. 7 in Las Vegas.

Native American actress reported missing

Police in Washington state say an actress known for her roles in "August: Osage County," "Frozen River" and "Django Unchained" is missing. The Seattle Times reports that Misty Upham, 32, hasn't been heard from or seen for the past week.

Officials at the Auburn Police Department say the acclaimed Native American actress was staying at a family member's apartment on the Muckleshoot reservation near Auburn. Her father filed a missing persons report on Monday. Cmdr. Steve Stocker says Upham is not considered endangered. He acknowledged that her family and the police are concerned about her, but said her disappearance is not believed to be suspicious.

From The Associated Press

Doubling down

Now her own label boss, singer-songwriter Lucinda Williams gets her wish with 2-CD set

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

Lucinda Williams had considered releasing a double CD before, but her record company argued against it. Now the veteran singer-songwriter is putting music out on her own label.

Problem solved. "Down Where the Spirit Meets the Bone," with 20 songs on two CDs, is available now.

"Once we had all the tracks, it was clear to everyone that there was no way we were going to narrow this down to one album," said Williams, who recorded 34 songs in Los Angeles with the help of Bill Frisell, Tony Joe White, Ian McLagan, Jakob Dylan, Elvis Costello's regular rhythm section and others.

Double CDs are usually frowned upon for good reason. They cost more to make, and

more to buy. They're so often bloated with substandard material that it's a critical cliché to say that judicious editing would have made for a killer single CD.

Music executive Kim Buie hates that last argument, especially because "in some cases, it's true."

Buie, who worked at Williams' former label and is now at the Thirty Tigers distribution company that is handling the new release, worried that Williams was asking too much of fans because this year one of her old albums was re-released in a two-CD format. Then Buie listened.

"As the music started emerging, it was like, 'holy crap, this is a treasure trove,'" she said.

The disc debuted at No. 13 on the Billboard album chart, with higher first-week sales than her last new release, despite the \$18.98

list price.

Williams' prolific streak at age 61 upends two beliefs that had become part of her narrative: that she's a perfectionist who slowly parcels out material, and that her creative well would run dry without romantic turmoil.

Williams, who married her manager Tom Overby in 2009, was taken aback by journalists who wondered if personal happiness would hurt her work. Yet it's a myth she helped perpetuate. She'd lose herself in relationships and develop writer's block, which would disappear when the boyfriend died.

That cycle has ended, and Williams is liberated by it.

"I always fantasized about being with someone who would inspire my creativity, like the romantic couples, Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald," she said.

Esquire names Cruz 'sexiest woman'

Penelope Cruz is Esquire's "sexiest woman alive."

Cruz is the 11th woman to be given the title by the magazine. Previous honorees include Angelina Jolie, Halle Berry, Rihanna, Charlize Theron and Scarlett Johansson.

The "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" and "Vanilla Sky" actress tells Esquire that she had "an attraction to drama" in her teens and 20s but "could not be less interested now."

Cruz is keeping quiet about her personal life. She declined to comment to the magazine about her actor husband, Javier Bardem, as well as their two children. She says, "That is for us."

The actress will next be seen in the Spanish-language film "Ma Ma" and in "Grimmsby" with Sacha Baron Cohen.

The November issue of Esquire will be on newsstands Oct. 21.



'Gone Girl' again tops box office

The Associated Press

Four new films couldn't catch "Gone Girl" at theaters last weekend.

The Fox thriller starring Ben Affleck as a man whose wife goes missing is poised to top the box office for a second week with \$26.8 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Also starring Rosamund Pike, "Gone Girl" is based on the best-selling novel by Gillian Flynn, who adapted her book for the screen.

"There's a mystery that's surrounding this movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker

Reentrak. "To have an adult drama like this hold up so well for two weekends in a row is really unusual."

Universal's "Dracula Untold" opened in second place with \$23.4 million. The Disney family romp "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" debuted in third with \$19.1 million.

Two Warner Bros. films round out the top five. The horror "Annabelle" claimed fourth place in its second week of release with \$16.3 million, followed by the Robert Downey Jr.-Robert Duvall drama, "The Judge," which debuted with \$13.3 million.

Lionsgate's erotic thriller "Addicted" opened in seventh place with \$7.6 million.

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Note to Obama: Path to citizenship polls well

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OPINION

Can't ignore Putin's Eastern Europe inroads

BY JACKSON DIEHL
The Washington Post

To grasp how Vladimir Putin is progressing in his campaign to overturn the post-Cold War order in Europe, it's worth looking beyond eastern Ukraine, where the Kremlin is busy consolidating a breakaway puppet state. After all, Ukraine, as President Barack Obama likes to point out, is not a member of NATO — which has extended Western security and democratic governance to a dozen nations that had been dominated by Soviet dictatorship.

So let's consider Hungary, a NATO member whose prime minister recently named Putin's Russia as a political model to be emulated. Or NATO member Slovakia, whose leftist prime minister likened the possible deployment of NATO troops in his country to the Soviet invasion of 1968. Or NATO member Czech Republic, where the defense minister made a similar comparison and where the government joined Slovakia and Hungary in fighting the European Union's sanctions against Russia. Or Serbia, a member of NATO's "partnership for peace" that has invited Putin to visit Belgrade this month for a military parade to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Red Army's "liberation" of the city.

Then there is Poland, which until recently was leading the effort within NATO and the European Union to support Ukraine's beleaguered pro-Western government and punish Putin's aggression. This month its new prime minister, Ewa Kopacz, ordered her new foreign minister to urgently revise its policy. The Wall Street Journal reported, she told parliament she was concerned about "an isolation of Poland" within Europe that could come from setting "unrealistic goals" in Ukraine.

Obama has been congratulating himself on leading a "unified response" by the

West that, he claims, has isolated Putin. In reality, a big chunk of the NATO alliance has quietly begun to lean toward Moscow. These governments do so in part for economic reasons. Dependent on Russia for energy as well as export markets, they fear the consequences of escalating sanctions.

But some also seem to be hedging their security and ideological bets. They figure it's not worth testing whether Putin's reported threat to invade former Soviet-bloc countries was really in jest — or whether a NATO led by Obama would really come to their defense. Why else pre-emptively announce, as did Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka, that his country did not want the troops NATO dispatched to Poland and the Baltic States as a deterrent to Russia?

Sobotka was trumped by Slovakia's Roberto Fico, a former Communist, who followed up his rejection of NATO troops by dismissing Obama's appeal for increased defense spending and calling sanctions against Russia "suicidal" and "nonsensical." Fico's pandering, in turn, looked weak compared with the speech delivered in late July by Hungary's Viktor Orban, who described Russia as an exemplar of how "we have to abandon liberal methods and principles of organizing a society ... because liberal values [in the United States] today incorporate corruption, sex and violence."

If this is a "unified response," it looks orchestrated more by Putin than by Obama. "Some Central European politicians are angling either to remain below the radar screen — don't speak up and make your nation the target of Putin's ire — or to ingratiate themselves with Putin and therefore fare better than other allies when the waters get even choppy," Damon Wilson, the executive vice president of the Atlantic Council, told me. "The issue for many politicians will be how to survive when the



Russians are back, nastier than ever ... and the Americans are remote, available only for genuine 911 calls."

Remarkably, the wobbling in Eastern Europe comes only a decade after NATO's big 2004 expansion and a dozen years after Poland and the Czech Republic gratefully and enthusiastically backed the U.S. invasion of Iraq. What happened? As Robert Coalson, of Radio Free Europe, suggested, one answer can be found in the "open letter" political leaders and intellectuals from those countries sent to Obama in July 2009, when, during his first year in office, he launched his "reset" with Putin's regime.

"Many American officials have now concluded that our region is fixed once and for all," the letter warned. "That view is premature."

Obama, it went on, was making a mistake to put relations with central and eastern

Europe on a back burner. The elites rising in post-Soviet countries "may not share the idealism — or have the same relationship to the United States — as the generation who led the democratic transition." Moreover, Russia, far from being a suitable partner, "is back as a revisionist power pursuing a 19th-century agenda with 21st-century tactics and methods."

Obama and his aides furiously dismissed those warnings, angrily telling the open letter's authors they were suffering from "Russophobia." Five years later, Obama repeats their diagnosis of Putin as the new wisdom. But it may be too late. The "Russophobes" of an expanded NATO have been replaced, in more than a few capitals, with Putin appeasers.

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What becomes of North Korea after Kim Jong Un?

BY BRUCE KLINGER

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un has not been seen in public for more than a month, generating speculation that this is due to failing health or political intrigue. Given the paucity of information, keeping track of Kim is tougher than winning at three-card monte, and the stakes are much higher: the potential instability of a nuclear-armed nation.

After Kim's notable absence from the important Supreme People's Assembly meeting Sept. 25, North Korea's official media announced the leader was suffering from "discomfort." Kim has gained significant weight since his ascension to power two years ago, and the rotund leader had been observed limping during several public appearances during the summer.

Experts postulated that Kim was suffering from gout, diabetes, a blood clot in the brain and even weight gain brought on by an addiction to cheese developed during his youth as a student in Switzerland. A South Korean newspaper quoted a North Korean source stating Kim had undergone surgery after suffering fractures of both ankles brought on by obesity, a grueling touring schedule and wearing "Cuban heels."

Alternatively, some analysts assessed Kim as suffering from a 9-millimeter headache (assassination) or an attempted coup. One report speculated that Kim had been overthrown by Vice Marshal Jo Myong Rok, vice chairman of the National

With all power residing in Kim, the government may be just one bullet or heart attack away from a crisis.

Defense Commission, until someone remembered that Jo died in 2010.

On Oct. 1, North Korean official media announced that Kim had sent a congratulatory message to Chinese President Xi Jinping to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

On Oct. 3, a senior-level North Korean delegation traveled to Seoul ostensibly to attend the closing ceremonies of the Asian Games. The delegation included what is perceived as the second- and third-most powerful people in North Korea. The delegation conveyed that Kim's health was fine, and it is unlikely that such elite officials would leave the country had a coup occurred.

So Kim's absence may well turn out to be another tempest in the North Korea teapot brought on by false assessments and overreaction. But his absenteeism has returned two issues to prominence: Just how strong is Kim's grip on power, and what would happen if he died, either from a health crisis or a coup?

Kim has purged hundreds of officials since assuming power in late 2011. In De-

cember 2013 he executed his uncle, Jang Song Taek, previously seen by the West as the second-most powerful man in North Korea. Kim even removed officials he had earlier promoted, replacing the minister of defense and chief of the general staff five times each during his first two years in power.

Korea watchers are debating whether the extensive purges show Kim is firmly in control and confident enough to remove even senior North Korean officials or, conversely, a weak, embattled ruler desperately fighting off challengers. Similarly, it remains unclear just how stable the regime is.

Nor does anyone know what would happen if the young leader were to prematurely shuffle off this mortal coil. Just as was the case when his father, Kim Jong Il, suffered a stroke in 2008, there is no formal succession plan in the North Korean Constitution. Following his stroke, Kim Jong Il initiated the transfer of power to Kim Jong Un, a process the father personally oversaw until his death in 2011. Today, there are no indications the 31-year-old leader has begun such a process.

Since the execution of Jang and the purge of seemingly every senior official, there is no way to predict who would eventually grasp the golden ring of power after Kim Jong Un's death. Although North Korea and the world would be better off with the end of the Kim government, there are great concerns among the U.S. and its allies over the potential ramifications of

regime collapse, including civil war, loss of control of the North's nuclear weapons and lashing out at its neighbors.

North Korea is currently out of the world's spotlight, overshadowed by a plethora of seemingly more pressing hot spots. Moreover, Pyongyang has kept a relatively low profile since raising tensions to dangerously high levels in early 2013 when it threatened nuclear attacks on Washington, Seoul and Tokyo. North Korea is engaged in one of its periodic charm offensives, hoping to induce economic benefits or an easing of international sanctions against it.

But, behind the scenes, the regime continues to make progress on its nuclear weapons programs and a spectrum of missiles able to deliver them. Since Kim Jong Un assumed power, North Korea has initiated, expanded and accelerated construction efforts for fissile material production (both plutonium and uranium), nuclear test preparations and missile launch facilities.

Is North Korea on the brink of collapse and turmoil? Probably not. But with all power residing in Kim, the government may be just one bullet or heart attack away from a crisis. Here's hoping Washington is not so distracted by events in Syria, Iraq and Ukraine that it fails to keep a keen eye on Pyongyang.

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As title hopes fade, tempers flare

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SPORTS BRIEFS

D-backs hire ex-3B coach Hale as manager

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Former Arizona third base coach Chip Hale was hired Monday to replace Kirk Gibson as the Diamondbacks manager.

The 49-year-old managed in Arizona's minor league system for six seasons and was with the Diamondbacks from 2007-09 in the first of eight consecutive seasons as a big league third base coach. He spent 2010-11 with the New York Mets and the last three seasons with Oakland under manager Bob Melvin.

Arizona hired Tony La Russa as chief baseball officer in May, and the retired Hall of Fame manager is overhauling the team's front office. General manager Kevin Towers was fired in September and replaced by former 20-game winner Dave Stewart. De Jon Watson was hired from the Los Angeles Dodgers as senior vice president/baseball operations.

Gibson was fired with three games left in a season in which the Diamondbacks finished a big league-worst 64-98.

Hale emerged from an initial list of nine candidates. He spent parts of seven seasons with Minnesota and the Dodgers during a 12-year playing career. He also played at the University of Arizona and still lives in Tucson.

Bills give WR Williams OK to seek trade

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The agent for Buffalo Bills wide receiver Mike Williams has been granted permission to seek a trade, general manager Doug Whaley said Monday.

Whaley said Williams' agent, Hadley Englehard, asked to gauge interest from other teams in a possible trade. But Whaley says the Bills aren't actively pursuing a trade.

"We like Mike Williams, we expect him back and we expect big things from him," Whaley said. "But like anybody, if he gets me



GREGORIO BULL/AP

The Arizona Diamondbacks hired Athletics bench coach Chip Hale on Monday as their next manager. The 49-year-old Hale replaces Kirk Gibson, who was fired with three games left in a disappointing 2014 season.

compensation worthy of a No. 1 wide receiver, which he claimed he is, then we would entertain it." Williams was not present in the locker room Monday when reporters were allowed access. A message left with Englehard was not immediately returned.

Williams was surprisingly inactive for Sunday's 37-22 loss to the New England Patriots. Williams started the Bills' first four games.

Bills coach Doug Marrone said the decision was made to deactivate Mike Williams when the team learned late last week that defensive tackle Kyle Williams would be healthy enough to play after missing the previous game with an ankle injury.

Psychologist: Pistorius a 'broken man'

PRETORIA, South Africa — Oscar Pistorius is a "broken man" after killing his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp and has already suffered emotionally and financially, a psychologist called

by the Olympic runner's lawyers testified Monday ahead of his sentencing.

Dr. Lore Hartzenberg gave the testimony ahead of Pistorius' sentencing for culpable homicide, and it was almost immediately characterized by the chief prosecutor as lacking balance. Prosecutor Gerrie Nel also expressed shock after a defense witness suggested Pistorius be sentenced to occasional house arrest and community service for shooting dead his girlfriend.

After Hartzenberg described how Pistorius had suffered since the Valentine's Day killing last year, Nel noted that the double-amputee athlete likely still has the chance to rebuild his life and possibly continue his career, whereas Reeva Steenkamp is dead and her family is devastated.

"We are now dealing with a broken man, but he is still alive," the prosecutor said. He asked the psychologist what she knew about Steenkamp.

"Do you know anything about her dreams, what she wanted to do in life?" Nel said.

Later a social worker from South Africa's correctional services department, who was also called to testify by defense lawyers, suggested Pistorius should serve a three-year correctional supervision sentence for negligently shooting Steenkamp. That would include periods of house arrest but no prison time, and allow Pistorius to train and attend athletics meets again.

Judge Thokozile Masipa was hearing evidence on the first day of Pistorius' sentencing hearing, which is expected to last several days. After listening to testimony from witnesses called by both the defense and prosecution, Masipa will decide on Pistorius' sentence.

It can range from a suspended jail sentence and a fine to as many as 15 years in prison. Masipa last month found Pistorius, 27, guilty of culpable homicide but not guilty of both premeditated mur-

der and murder in his killing of Steenkamp at his home.

Wild give Brodin 6-year, \$25M extension

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Wild signed defenseman Jonas Brodin to a six-year, \$25 million contract extension Sunday.

Brodin has started his third season with the Wild, who drafted him out of Karlstad, Sweden, with the 10th overall pick in 2011. He joined the team as a 19-year-old, the youngest defenseman in the NHL who led all rookies in average ice time with 23 minutes, 12 seconds per game in the 2013 season.

Through 126 games, the 6-foot-1, 194-pound Brodin has 10 goals, 21 assists and a plus-8 rating. He has played mostly with Ryan Suter on the team's first blue-line pairing. Brodin's new contract will run through 2021.

Sang-moon wins first PGA event of season

NAPA, Calif. — Bae Sang-moon built a big lead and was steady enough on the back nine at Silverado to win the Frys.com Open on Sunday in the first event of the new PGA Tour season.

Bae missed a short birdie putt on the 18th that only affected the margin. He closed with a 1-over 73, the first player on the PGA Tour since Ben Crane at the St. Jude Classic in June to win with a final round over par.

Bae won by two shots over Steven Bowditch, who closed with a 67 on a dry, hot day in the Napa Valley.

Bae, who finished at 15-under 273, won for the second time in his career and earned a return trip to the Masters in April.

In other golf news:

■ At Cary, N.C., Kirk Triplett won the SAS Championship for his second victory of the year and fourth in three seasons on the Champions Tour.

The 52-year-old Triplett closed with a 3-under 69 for a three-stroke victory over Tom Lehman. Triplett finished at 14-under 202 at Prestonwood Country Club.

Clemson QB Watson having surgery on hand

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said Sunday that freshman quarterback Deshaun Watson will have four screws put in his finger to heal a small broken bone and will need a month of recovery before returning for the 24th-ranked Tigers.

Swinney said Watson was to have the procedure Monday. The first-year starter hurt the finger on his right, throwing hand in the second quarter of a 23-17 victory over Louisville on Saturday. The win returned Clemson (4-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) to the national rankings.

Watson had started the past three games after taking over senior Cole Stoudt early at No. 2 Florida State three weeks ago. Watson's accounted for 1,093 yards and 11 touchdowns since.

Swinney said it was possible Watson could be back for the Georgia Tech game Nov. 15.

In other college football news:

■ North Carolina State has suspended seven players — including two starters — for this week's game against Louisville after what the school says was a BB gun incident.

Coach Dave Doeren announced the suspensions Monday and said the players were playing a game with the BB guns at an off-campus residence.

Among the suspended players are linebacker Jerod Fernandez, and safety Josh Jones — both of whom started the 30-14 home loss to Boston College on Saturday.

The other suspended players were receivers Johnathan Alston and Jumichael Ramos, defensive linemen Justin Jones and Pharaoh McKeever and cornerback Mike Stevens.

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NFL ROUNDTUP



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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes and had his 60th 300-yard game to lead New England past Buffalo.

Brandon LaFell had two touchdown catches, including a 56-yarder, and the Patriots forced three turnovers that resulted in 13 points in the second quarter.

The Patriots (4-2) gained sole possession of first place in the division in moving ahead of the Bills (3-3). And they did so by beating Buffalo for the sixth straight time.

Brady finished 27-for-37 for 361 yards to spoil the Bills' first game under new owners Terry and Kim Pegula.

Kyle Orton went 24-for-38 for 299 yards with two touchdowns, an interception and a lost fumble in his second start for Buffalo since replacing E.J. Manuel.

Running back C.J. Spiller also lost a fumble, with the three second-quarter turnovers leading to 13 New England points.



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GLENDAL, Ariz. — Carson Palmer returned from a five-week absence to throw two touchdown passes, and Arizona beat Washington to take the sole NFC West lead.

Larry Fitzgerald caught six passes for a season-high 98 yards and his first touchdown of the season to help the Cardinals (4-1) bounce back from a 41-20 drubbing at Denver.

Kirk Cousins was 24-for-38 for 354 yards, including a 64-yard touchdown pass to DeSean Jackson for the Redskins (1-5), but threw three fourth-quarter interceptions. Washington has lost four straight and 13 of 14.



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MINNEAPOLIS — Tahir Whitehead intercepted two of Teddy Bridgewater's passes, and Joique Bell put the game away with a fourth-quarter touchdown run in Detroit's victory over Minnesota.

With Calvin Johnson and Reggie Bush missing, the Lions played a low-risk game. But their defense made another case for top billing in the league. Ziggy Ansah had 2½ of Detroit's eight sacks.

Bridgewater threw three interceptions in his second career start for the Vikings (2-4).



MIKE GROLL/AP

Patriots wide receiver Brandon LaFell runs for a touchdown after breaking a tackle by the Bills' Leodis McKelvin during the second half on Sunday in Orchard Park, N.Y.



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OAKLAND, Calif. — It took a couple of big plays from a pair of rookies for the San Diego Chargers to hold off the winless Oakland Raiders.

Brandon Oliver scored on a 1-yard run with 1:56 to play and Jason Verrett sealed San Diego's win with an acrobatic interception that spoiled interim coach Tony Sparano's debut with Oakland.

"When it came down to it, to crunch time, both sides stepped up and made plays to win it," quarterback Philip Rivers said. "I just think it was big for our team to win this way."

Rivers threw three touchdown passes and engineered the winning drive to give San Diego (5-1) its fifth straight win and send Oakland (0-5) to its 11th straight loss, matching the team's longest losing streak since 1962.

Rookie Derek Carr threw four touchdown passes for the Raiders. His last scoring play, a 6-yarder to Andre Holmes with 10:01 left, gave Oakland a 28-21 lead.

CLEVELAND — The Browns didn't need a comeback this time. For once, they built a big lead and held on.

Brian Hoyer passed for 217 yards and pulled off a rarity for a Cleveland quarterback, leading the Browns to a 31-10 rout over Ben Roethlisberger and rival Pittsburgh.

Hoyer threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Cameron and improved to 6-2 as Cleveland's starter as the surprising Browns (3-2) beat the Steelers for just the third time in 23 games. Cleveland hadn't beaten Pittsburgh so badly since a 51-0 shutout in 1989.

Ben Tate had two rushing TDs and rookie Isaiah Crowell added another one as the Browns opened a 21-3 lead in the first half and rolled to the easy win one week after staging the largest comeback in NFL history by a road team.

Roethlisberger suffered just his second loss in 20 games against Cleveland.

ATLANTA — Jay Cutler threw for 381 yards and a touchdown, Matt Forte ran for a couple of second-half scores, and Chicago picked up another road victory.

Chicago (3-3) has won three of four away from Soldier Field this season, though there were so many Bears fans at the Georgia Dome that it seemed almost like a neutral site.

After the Falcons (2-4) rallied from a 13-3 halftime deficit to tie it late in the third quarter, the Bears bounced back to hand Atlanta its third straight loss. Cutler unleashed a towering pass to Alshon Jeffery that went for 74 yards. On the next play, Forte scored on a 6-yard run.

The Falcons went three-and-out, and Chicago finished them off with a 15-play, 87-yard drive. Forte capped it with a 9-yard scoring burst up the middle.

Jeffery finished with five catches for 136 yards. Brandon Marshall chipped in with six receptions for 113 yards.



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TAMPA, Fla. — Joe Flacco and the Ravens were intent on getting their season back on track, and there was nothing Tampa Bay could do to stop them.

"You're going to find out this is a very good football team," coach John Harbaugh said Sunday after Flacco threw for five touchdowns in just over 16 minutes to set the tone for a 48-17 rout of the struggling Bucs. "And to play the way we did in a game that's kind of a business game, a game we need to win to do the things we want to do, it speaks a lot to who we are as a football team."

Still smarting from a subpar road performance that ended a three-game winning streak, Flacco was nearly flawless against a defense that had no answers for Baltimore's passing or running attack.

Flacco threw for TDs for four different receivers and completed passes to five others as well. Justin Forsett, Bernard Pierce and Lorenzo Taliaferro contributed to a productive ground game.



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SEATTLE — Those questioning whether the Dallas Cowboys' start to the season was legit got a resounding answer on Sunday.

Showing no intimidation toward Seattle's hard-hitting defense or the noisy 12th Man, the Cowboys leaned on the 115 yards rushing from DeMarco Murray and a clutch third-down pass from Tony Romo for a 30-23 win over the Seahawks.

After Murray scored on a 15-yard run with 3:16 left to give Dallas the lead, the Cowboys defense, which made Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson miserable all afternoon, held twice in the final 3 minutes.



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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sammie Hill blocked a field goal attempt in the final seconds, and Tennessee held off Jacksonville to snap a four-game losing streak.

Jackie Battle ran for a touchdown, and Ryan Succop kicked three field goals to help the Titans (2-4) bounce back after blowing the biggest lead ever by a home team in the regular season in a loss to Cleveland.

The Titans forced two turnovers as they won their first game at home this season.

Missed field goals—Baltimore, Tuck
64 (BK). **Tampa Bay, Murray** 45 (WR).

Gostkowski 36 (WL).

Missed field goals—None.

Missed field goals—None.

SEE SCOREBOARD C

DEN MARGOT/A

for the Raiders' Brice Butler during the fourth quarter on Sunday.

Cincinnati 0 17 0 17 3-37 Oakland 7 7 7 7-21
First Quarter First Quarter

Cin—Bernard 89 run (Nugent kick), **SD**—Floyd 5 pass from Rivers (Nova

Car—Newton 12 run (Gano kick), 3:54. **ikowski** kick), 7:40.

SD—FG Novak 30, 3:52.
SD—Oliver 1 run (Novak kick), 1:56.

Car	Cin	Passing	307	28
20	20	Count Returns	1.20	2.3

Kickoff Returns	6-134	2-126	Punts	3-47.7	4-41.1
Interceptions Ret	2-88	1-31	Fumbles Lost	1-0	1-0

Penalties-Yards 8-60 15-115
Time of Possession 39:30 35:30

Passing—Carolina, Newton 29-46-1-
384 **Cincinnati** Dalton 22-42-3-222

Sanu 10-120, Gresham 6-68, Sanzenbacher 4-40, Tate 4-38, Bernard 4-20, Hill 4-13, Ikowski 53 (WL).

Packers 27, Dolphins 24 **First Quarter**
Sea—FG Hauschka 33, 10:06.

Mia—FG Sturgis 48, 8:15.
Dal—FG Bailey 42, 5:15.

GB—Cobb 5 pass from A.Rodgers (Groshy kick). 3:44. **Dal**—FG Bailey 56, 1:04.

GB—Quarless 4 pass from A.Rodgers	First downs	23
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Rushes-yards	34-121	23-112	Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Passing	248	227	Comp. Att. Int.	21-33-0	14-20-0

Sacked-Yards Lost 3-16 1-7 Time of Possession 37:39 22:2
 Punts 5-34.4 3-42.3 **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Passing—Dallas. Romo 21-32-0-25

107, D.Adams 6-77, Cobb 5-58, Quarless 2-32, Willson 2-11, Lockette 1-8, Helfet 2-11, Starks 2-11, Miami Landry 6-75, Walters 1-5, Lynch 1-1

NFL

Rodgers, Packers rally past Dolphins

By STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Green Bay Packers coach Mike McCarthy has run out of adjectives for Aaron Rodgers, which is unfortunate because the quarterback believes he's only halfway through his career.

Rodgers' 100th NFL game Sunday was indescribable — to McCarthy, at least — and capped by a 4-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Quarless with 3 seconds left, helping Green Bay rally past the Miami Dolphins, 27-24.

How to sum up Rodgers' performance?

"I need to work on my vocabulary," McCarthy said. "The guy is a remarkable player."

The Packers were out of timeouts when Rodgers led more than 60 yards in the final 2:04 for the winning score. He overcame a fumble and a fourth-and-10, and faked an intentional spike before throwing a completion that set up the touchdown.

"You want the opportunity to make a play like that at the end," Rodgers said.

The Packers (4-2) won in Miami for only the second time and remained tied with the Detroit Lions after the NFC North. The Dolphins (2-3) lost despite

the return of six starters who had missed playing time.

Here are some takeaways from Green Bay's third consecutive victory:

Rodgers is playing at a peak: Rodgers threw for 264 yards and three touchdowns while committing no turnovers. Along with the game-winner, he threw for scores of 9 yards to Jordy Nelson and 5 yards to Randall Cobb. He has 15 touchdowns passes and only one interception this season.

Questionable decisions: The Dolphins provided plenty of fodder for second-guessers. Leading 24-20, they threw four times when they had a chance to run out the clock. After being forced to punt, their defense called time out twice on the Packers' final drive.

Perhaps the biggest puzzle was why linebacker Philip Wheeler was left to cover tight end Quarless on the final play. Wheeler was not thrilled with the defensive scheme, which left him alone on the flank.

"I felt like it was 50 percent bad coverage, and 50 percent bad call," Wheeler said. "Rodgers is a really good quarterback, and he figured it out."

Quarterback sneak: With the clock running following another completion, trickery by Rodgers set up the winning touchdown. He faked a spike before throwing to Davante Adams, who gained 12 yards before going out of bounds with 6 seconds remaining.

"That was some freestyling right there," Rodgers said.

"Smart play," Miami's Jared Odrick said. "Kudos to them for thinking that fast."



MATT ROURKE/AP

Eagles tight end Zach Ertz makes a touchdown catch against New York Giants cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie on Sunday in Philadelphia. The Eagles won 27-0.

Eagles dominate Giants

By ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Asked about the New York Giants' trash-talking during the week, Jeremy Maclin replied: "27-0. Thank you."

The Philadelphia Eagles answered the Giants with a dominant performance from start to finish on offense, defense and special teams in a 27-0 win Sunday night.

Nick Foles threw two touchdown passes and LeSean McCoy had a season-high 149 yards rushing to help the Eagles earn their first shutout in 18 years.

"We played great in all three phases," coach Chip Kelly said. "We're pleased, we're not satisfied. Still a

lot of things we can do better."

A rough night for the Giants (3-3) became worse when wide receiver Victor Cruz tore the patellar tendon on his right knee while leaping for a pass on fourth down from the Eagles 3 in the third quarter. Cruz, a 2012 Pro Bowl pick, was crying and holding his hands to his face as he was carted off the field with an injury that's expected to end his season.

"Huge loss," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "It wasn't a good situation, a grim scene."

Wearing all-black uniforms for the first time in franchise history, the Eagles (5-1) stayed tied with Dallas (5-1) for the lead in the NFC East. They hadn't shut out an opponent since a 24-0 win over the Giants on Dec. 1, 1996, at old Veterans Stadium.

Scoreboard

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Titans 16, Jaguars 14

Jacksonville 7 0 0 7-14
Tennessee 3 7 3 3-16
First Quarter
Jax—Johnson 1 run (Scobee kick), 11:17.

Ten—FG Succop 25, 4:4.
Second Quarter
Ten—Battelle 1 run (Scobee kick), 1:04.

Third Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 21, 8:52.

Fourth Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 42, 14:0.
Jax—Harbor 20 pass from Bortles (Scobee kick), 3:17.
A—69,143.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Jax Ten
First downs 27 14
Total Net Yards 379 290
Rushes-yards 28-162 24-70
Passing 297 220
Punts 10-40 16-68
Kickoff Returns 1-25 1-20
Interceptions Ret. 0-0 1-34
Comp.-Att.-Int. 32-46-1 17-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost 6-39 1-13
Fumbles-Lost 1-1 1-0
Penalties-Yards 6-35 5-48
Time of Possession 31:07 28:53

Rushing-Jacksonville, Bortles 5-38, D.Robinson 5-22, Johnson 10-21, Todman 3-1, Tennessee, Sankley 18-61, McCluster 2-6, Whitehurst 2-1, Battelle 1-1, L.Washington 1-1.
Passing-Jacksonville, Bortles 32-46-1, 233.
Tennessee, Whitehurst 17-28-0, 233.

Receiving-Jacksonville, Shorts 11-103, A.Robinson 8-68, Harbor 3-91, D.Robinson 3-14, Lee 2-26, Ta'ufu'o 2-20, T.O'Leary 1-1, Tennessee, Sankley 18-61, McCluster 4-6, Tennessee, McCluster 6-52, Hunter 3-18, T.O'Leary 2-57, L.Washington 2-23, L.Washington 1-11, Sankley 1-7, Wright 1-6.
Missed field goals-Jacksonville, Scobee 55 (BX).

Broncos 31, Jets 17

Denver 3 14 7 7-21
N.Y. Jets 7 0 3 3-17
First Quarter
Den—FG McManus 27, 12:52.
NYJ—Amaro 2 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 4:16.

Second Quarter
Den—D.Thomas 1 pass from Manning (McManus kick), 5:50.
Den—D.Thomas 22 pass from Manning (McManus kick), 2:27.

Third Quarter
Den—D.Thomas 4 pass from Manning (McManus kick), 8:08.
NYJ—FG Folk 30, 3:36.

Fourth Quarter
NYJ—Decker 2 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 7:56.
Den—Falk 22 interception return (McManus kick), 1:15.
A—78,150.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Den NYJ
First downs 21 15
Total Net Yards 331-186 15-31
Rushes-yards 33-138 15-31
Passing 221 173
Punt Returns 0-0 4-18
Kickoff Returns 2-32 6-153
Interceptions Ret. 1-22 0-0
Comp.-Att.-Int. 22-33-0 23-43-1
Sacked-Yards Lost 4-44 0-17
Fumbles-Lost 2-0 2-1
Penalties-Yards 11-101 10-64
Time of Possession 31:34 24:10

Rushing-Denver, D.Thomas 10-124, T.J.Walker 10-54, Sankley 18-61, Hillman 2-16, Welker 1-8, Thompson 1-0, N.Y. Jets, Amar 10-68, Decker 6-54, Cumberland 2-10, Sales 1-27, Ivory 1-14, Graham 1-11, Kerley 1-4, Johnson 1-2.
Passing-Denver, Manning 22-33-0, 237.
N.Y. Jets, Smith 23-43-1, 180.
Receiving-Denver, D.Thomas 10-124, T.J.Walker 10-54, Sankley 18-61, Hillman 2-16, Welker 1-8, Thompson 1-0, N.Y. Jets, Amar 10-68, Decker 6-54, Cumberland 2-10, Sales 1-27, Ivory 1-14, Graham 1-11, Kerley 1-4, Johnson 1-2.

Missed field goals—None.

FROM BACK PAGE

What made Murray's showing all the more impressive is that Seattle came into Sunday with the NFL's top rushing defense. And Dallas held Seattle's offense to 16 points, while limiting Wilson to 126 yards passing and 12 rushing.

"That's not a good day for him," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said, in perhaps the understatement of the day.

And maybe Cowboys coach Jason Garrett is finally on his way to a winning record and the playoffs after three consecutive 8-8 seasons.

In case you missed it, here are the other top topics after the NFL season's sixth Sunday:

Ties OK? Should the NFL look into figuring out a way to make sure a game doesn't end in a tie? The Bengals and Panthers both got a field goal in overtime, but Cincinnati's Mike Nugent missed a 36-yard potential winner at the end of the lone extra quarter, and the score wound up 37-all.

Professional football remains



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Cowboys running back DeMarco Murray rushed for 115 yards, joining Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown as the only running backs to gain 100 yards in each of a season's opening six games.

unique among major sports — including college football — in letting games conclude without a winner.

Lions can't kick: Matt Prater, who made the longest field goal in NFL history when he was with Denver, went 1-for-3 in his debut for Detroit on Sunday, continuing a hard-to-believe pattern: The Lions are 5-for-15 on field-goal tries this season. Prater, Detroit's third kicker in 2014, missed one try wide and put another off an upright.

Greater Cousins: Only 2½ years after drafting a pair of quarterbacks, Robert Griffin III in the first round (trading a bunch of first- and second-round picks to get him) and Kirk Cousins in the fourth, Washington can't be quite sure what to make of its QB situation. RG3 keeps getting hurt and has yet to prove himself as a pocket passer; Cousins keeps giving the ball away. He threw three fourth-quarter interceptions in a 30-20 loss at Arizona on Sunday, two games after throwing three third-quarter picks in a blowout against the Giants. Cousins is merely one of many, many problems for Washington, which is 1-5 under rookie head coach Jay Gruden.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mississippi St. gets rest after rapid rise

Bulldogs get week off after earning first No. 1

By DAVID BRANDT
The Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen found out his program had earned its first No. 1 ranking in school history Sunday morning during a leisurely brunch with his wife and kids.

The Bulldogs have earned a little time for rest and relaxation.

No. 1 Mississippi State (6-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) gets to take deep breath following a shocking rise to the top spot in the national rankings. The Bulldogs don't play again until a road game against Kentucky on Oct. 25.

"We're going to get to enjoy this week," Mullen said. "For this being the first time ever that the school is No. 1, it's probably good not having to deal with that pressure right away."

It took Mississippi State just five weeks to move from an unranked team to the No. 1 spot in the rankings — the quickest rise in the 78-year history of the AP poll. The Bulldogs have won three straight over top-10 teams, beating then-No. 2 Auburn 38-23 on Saturday.

In the process, quarterback Dak Prescott has earned some Heisman Trophy consideration. The 6-foot-2, 230-pound junior has thrown for 1,478 yards, 14 touchdowns

and four interceptions and has run for 576 yards and eight touchdowns.

He has a good supporting cast: Josh Robinson is second in the SEC with 689 yards rushing and eight touchdowns, and De'Runya Wilson, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, has six touchdown catches.

Prescott wasn't at his best against Auburn, throwing two interceptions. But he still had a productive game, finishing with 246 yards passing, 121 yards rushing and three total touchdowns.

Mississippi State took a 21-0 lead in the first quarter, but then had four turnovers during the remainder of the first half, allowing Auburn to climb back into the game.

The Tigers couldn't finish the comeback, though. Mississippi State's defense forced four turnovers — including an interception by Justin Cox late in the fourth quarter that ended any Auburn hope.

"I had one of my subpar games of the season, and I didn't play very well," Prescott said. "My teammates rallied around me and did a great job of making plays."

Mullen said there will be plenty of areas the Bulldogs can work on during the off week. They also hope top receiver Jameon Lewis returns after missing the past two games with a leg injury.

The Bulldogs have a reasonable sched-



Jim Lytle/AP

Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen kisses quarterback Dak Prescott after the Bulldogs defeated Auburn 38-23 on Saturday. The win moved Mississippi State to the top spot in the AP poll, just five weeks after being an unranked team.

ule over the next month, traveling to face Kentucky before home games against Arkansas and Tennessee-Martin.

Mullen said he hopes his experience as Florida's offensive coordinator from 2005 to 2008 can help the Bulldogs deal with the scrutiny that comes with being a No. 1 team. The Gators won two national

championships during Mullen's time in Gainesville.

"We have several guys on this coaching staff who have been in that situation so I don't think there will be any awe," Mullen said. "But we certainly all appreciate it and understand how hard it is to get to No. 1 and how hard it will be to stay there."

Georgia proves it's OK minus suspended Gurley

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Georgia Bulldogs are hoping Todd Gurley can play again this season.

For one game, at least, they did just fine without him.

With props to freshman Nick Chubb and a suddenly stout defense, Georgia moved back into the Top 10 Sunday after its best showing of the season, a 34-0 blowout at Missouri.

Not bad with Gurley back home in Athens.

"For us to have that type of performance is pretty exciting for me," said coach Mark Richt, whose team moved up three spots from No. 13 in the latest Associated Press rankings.

But Richt got a bit testy when asked if he expected Gurley to play next Saturday at Arkansas.

"You know what I'd like to do?" he told reporters Sunday on a conference call. "I'd like to talk about this next game, or we might just end this thing. I do not know anything, so my answer is I do not know."

Gurley has been suspended indefinitely while the school investigates possible violations of NCAA rules, depriving the Bulldogs of their best player and a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy.

But Chubb rushed for 143 yards



L.G. Patterson/AP

Georgia's Nick Chubb, right, rushed for 143 yards on 38 carries — the most by a Georgia back in 38 years — in the Bulldogs' 34-0 victory over Missouri on Saturday.

on a staggering 38 carries — the most by a Georgia back in 13 years. The freshman also caught four passes for 31 yards, showing the Bulldogs have a pretty capable replacement should Gurley not return anytime soon.

"Coming in behind Todd made me a little nervous," Chubb said. "But I've been playing football my whole life, so I just kept doing what I was doing. Everybody just told me that they believed in me

and to play hard. It kind of just hit me in the face Thursday. We all got the news (about Gurley's suspension) at the same time."

Georgia has not indicated when it will complete the investigation into Gurley, with athletic director Greg McGarity only saying it will be done "as expeditiously as possible." He also said there is "a lot of misinformation" in reports about Gurley's alleged ties to a merchandise dealer.

For now, the 5-foot-10, 228-pound Chubb is the go-to guy for the offense. It will be interesting to see how he bounces back from all those carries, especially if he has to take on a similar load against the Razorbacks, who have come close to pulling off upsets against Texas A&M and Alabama.

"I feel pretty good right now," Chubb said immediately after the Missouri game. "We'll see. I was ready for whatever they threw at me. You have to keep running your feet and go low so they can't hit you hard."

With a passing game that has yet to show any sort of big-play potential, the Bulldogs (5-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) have little choice except to keep running the ball.

Unfortunately for Georgia, Gurley's suspension and a rash of injuries in the backfield have robbed the team of the depth it had at the beginning of the year. Another prized freshman, Sony Michel, is out with a shoulder injury. Keith Marshall has missed three straight games with a sprained ankle and knee.

Richt said Marshall may be able to play against Arkansas.

"I certainly hope so," the coach said. "Just watching him run straight ahead last week, he looked really good. But I didn't see him change direction ... so I don't know if he was as close as

he looked."

Michel, who was injured two weeks ago in a victory over Tennessee, might be able to play as soon as the Nov. 1 game against Florida, according to Richt. The Bulldogs are off the week before their annual game in Jacksonville.

"We all think certainly before the season is over, he'll be back," the coach said.

Brendan Douglas was the only other player with significant carries against Missouri, running 13 times for 65 yards. The Bulldogs also have J.J. Green, who was second on the team with 384 yards rushing in 2013, but he's been playing defense this season.

Speaking of defense, the Bulldogs showed tremendous progress on that side of the ball. The Tigers managed only 147 total yards. Maty Mauk was intercepted four times. It was the first shutout of a ranked team on the road in Georgia history.

For all the turmoil swirling around the program, the Bulldogs are atop the SEC East and might even have a little room for error to reach the conference championship game, assuming they beat division foes Florida and Kentucky.

"It's where you want to be," Richt said. "We need to appreciate that position we're in."

MLB PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

League championship series

x-if necessary

(Best-of-7)

American League

Kansas City 2, Baltimore 0
 Kansas City 5, Baltimore 10 (10 innings)
 Kansas City 6, Baltimore 4
 Monday: Baltimore (when 16-6) at
 Kansas City (Guthrie 13-11)
 Tuesday: Baltimore (Gonzalez 10-9) at
 Kansas City (Vargas 11-10)
 x-Wednesday: Baltimore at Kansas
 City

x-Friday: Kansas City at Baltimore
 x-Saturday: Kansas City at Baltimore

National League

San Francisco 1, St. Louis 1
 San Francisco 3, St. Louis 0
 Sunday: St. Louis 5, San Francisco 4
 Tuesday: St. Louis (Lackey 3-3) at San
 Francisco
 Wednesday: St. Louis (Miller 10-9) at
 San Francisco
 Thursday: St. Louis at San Francisco
 x-Saturday: San Francisco at St. Louis
 x-Sunday, Oct. 19: San Francisco at St.
 Louis

World Series

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7)

All games televised by Fox
 Tuesday, Oct. 21: St. American League
 Wednesday, Oct. 22: at AL
 Friday, Oct. 24: at National League
 Saturday, Oct. 25: at NL
 x-Sunday, Oct. 26: at NL
 x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: at AL
 x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: at AL

Sunday

Cardinals 5, Giants 4

San Francisco					St. Louis				
ab	r	b	i		ab	r	b	i	
GBland cf	4	0	1	0	McCrnt 3b	4	1	1	1
Panik 2b	4	0	1	0	Jay cf	4	0	1	0
Posny c	5	0	0	0	Holliday lf	5	0	0	0
Sandoz 3b	5	1	1	0	MAdams 1b	3	1	1	1
Pence rf	4	0	1	1	JHPert ss	2	0	1	0
Belt lf	3	1	1	0	YMolin c	0	0	0	0
BCrawf ss	3	1	0	0	TCruz c	1	0	0	0
Ishikaw lf	2	0	1	0	Wong 2b	3	1	1	1
Morse ph	1	0	1	0	Grichk rf	3	0	1	1
Machi p	0	0	0	0	Lynn p	2	0	0	0
JLopez p	0	0	0	0	Choate p	0	0	0	0
Strickn p	0	0	0	0	CMtzn p	0	0	0	0
Susac ph	0	0	1	0	Tavers ph	1	1	1	1
Murphy pr	0	1	0	0	Neshek p	0	0	0	0
Romo p	0	0	0	0	Rosnth p	0	0	0	0
Peavy p	1	0	0	0	Maness p	0	0	0	0
Arias ph	0	0	1	0					
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0					
JPerez ph-if	1	0	1	0					
Totals	35	4	10	3	Totals	29	5	8	5

San Francisco 000 011 101-4
 St. Louis 001 100 111-5
 No outs when winning run scored.
 DP—San Francisco 1, St. Louis 1, LOB—
 San Francisco 9, St. Louis 5. 2B—Sandoz
 (2), Ishikawa (1). HR—M.Carpenter
 (1), MaAdams (1), Wong (1), Tavers (1).
 CS—Jay (1), S—J.Perez, Y.Molina.

San Francisco					St. Louis				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
Peavy	4	4	2	2	3	2			
Affeldt	2	2	0	0	0	1			
Machi BS-1	7/9	1	1	1	0	0			
JLopez	7/9	1	1	0	0	1			
Strickland	1/9	1	1	1	0	1			
Romo L-1	0	1	1	1	0	0			

St. Louis					San Francisco				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
Lynn	5/6	6	2	2	1	3			
Choate	1/3	0	0	0	1	1			
C.Martinez	1	2	0	0	0	0			
Neshek	1	0	0	0	0	2			
Rosenthal BS-1	7/9	2	1	2	1	2			
Maness W-1	1/3	0	0	0	0	0			

Choate pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
 Romo pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. WP—
 Rosenthal. PB—TCruz. T—3-41. A—46,262
 (45,399).



CHARLIE NEIBERG/ALP

Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina hunches over after hitting into a double play during the sixth inning Sunday. Molina left the game with a strained oblique and was set to undergo more tests.

Wong helps Cardinals even series

St. Louis tops Giants with walk-off home run after losing Molina to oblique injury

By R.B. FALLSTROM

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kolten Wong ended Game 2 of the NL Championship Series with a big swing for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Now, they can only hope the season isn't over for Yadier Molina.

Wong hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the ninth inning and the resilient Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 5-4 Sunday night, tying the best-of-seven series at one game apiece with their latest postseason power show.

The Cardinals came back after losing Molina to a strained oblique muscle in the sixth. The All-Star catcher was getting further tests and manager Mike Matheny said it "didn't look real good."

"We'll wait and see and right now we'll just go ahead and keep celebrating a very tough, hard-fought win. I am real proud at how these guys kept coming," Matheny said.

St. Louis didn't stay down too long, getting a home run each of the final three innings in a back-and-forth game.

The series resumes Tuesday night in San Francisco with John Lackey going for St. Louis and Tim Hudson starting for the Giants.

"It was tough to see our backstop go down like that," Matt Adams said. "We just kept grinding it the rest of the game."

Rookie pinch-hitter Oscar Taveras connected in the seventh to tie it, and Adams homered in the eighth for a 4-3 lead. San Francisco tied it in the ninth on a wild pitch by closer Trevor Rosenthal.

St. Louis, last in the NL with 105 home runs during the regular season, has hit 11 homers in six playoff games — seven in the seventh inning or later. Earlier, Matt Carpenter connected for the fourth time this postseason.

"It kind of got overshadowed there at the end, but man that was an exciting game," Carpenter said.

"That was a must-win for us, to do that in that fashion especially after giving up the lead in the ninth."

After the Giants tied it, Wong lined a pitch from Sergio Romo for his second big home run this postseason. The rookie's seventh-inning drive was the decisive blow in Game 3 of the NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It was a rare postseason failure for the reliable San Francisco bullpen.
 "They are the reason we're in this situation, and you give [the Cardinals] credit," manager Bruce Bochy said. "They threw out some good at-bats and we made a couple of mistakes and they took advantage of them."

The Giants made it 4-4 all when pinch-runner Matt Duffy dashed home from second base on a two-out wild pitch in the ninth. San Francisco wound up losing for just the second time in its last 14 postseason games.

"It's not a tough loss at all. I feel it was a great loss," said Gregor Blanco, who had a tie-breaking hit in the seventh. "We battled to the last out, so I think it was a great win."

Seth Maness retired Pablo Sandoval on a comebacker with the bases loaded to end the top of the ninth, and got the win.

Maness came on after Rosenthal couldn't hold a one-run lead. Rosenthal's pitch bounced off the glove of backup catcher Tony Cruz and



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

The Cardinals' Kolten Wong celebrates after hitting a walk-off home run during the ninth inning Sunday against the San Francisco Giants in St. Louis. The Cardinals won 5-4 to tie the NLCS at 1-1.

Duffy, running on a full count, never broke stride and slid home with the tying run.

Adams, whose three-run shot off Clayton Kershaw put St. Louis in front for good in its clinching playoff win over Dodgers, homered off Hunter Strickland.

Blanco's fourth postseason hit in 31 at-bats put the Giants up 3-2 in the seventh, but Taveras re-tied it in the bottom half with a homer off Jean Machi inside the right-field foul pole.

Carpenter hit a solo shot off Jake Peavy in the third. Randal Grichuk singled with the bases loaded in the fourth to make it 2-0.

Peavy was taken out for a pinch hitter in the fifth and the Giants scored a run off Lance Lynn, then Hunter Pence's single tied it in the sixth.

Molina became St. Louis' career leader in postseason hits with 89, moving past Albert Pujols on a single in the second.

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Wong walks it off

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Dallas middle linebacker Rolando McClain, above, celebrates after his second-half interception on Sunday against the Seahawks in Seattle. Below, Seattle super fans Jeff and Dede Schumaier, known as Mr. and Mrs. Seahawk, sit in the stands after the Cowboys beat the Seahawks 30-23.

Don't look now

Surprising Cowboys topple Seahawks, improve to 5-1 for first time since '07

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

With DeMarco Murray achieving something only Hall of Famer Jim Brown had, Tony Romo at his improvisational best, a dominant offensive line and a surprisingly competent defense, the Dallas Cowboys are 5-1 for the first time since 2007 — and worthy of their “America’s

Team” moniker for the first time in a while.

Murray’s 115 yards allowed him to match Brown as the only running backs to gain 100 yards in each of a season’s opening six games, and his late touchdown allowed the Cowboys to beat the reigning Super Bowl champion Seahawks 30-23. It’s only the second time in Russell Wilson’s 21 home games that Seattle lost.

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